

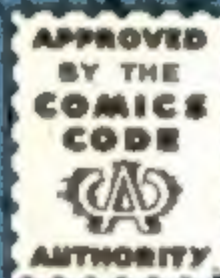


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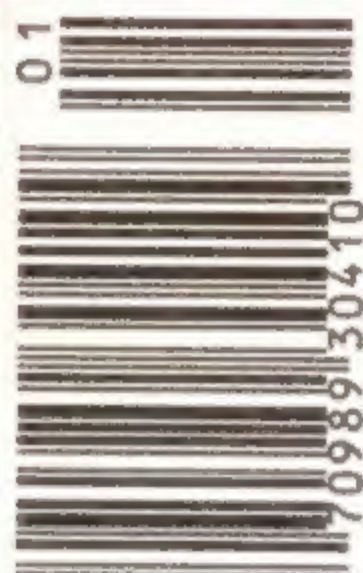


SUPERMAN'S **ACTION** **COMICS**



AT LAST-- I,
BRAINIAC,
TRIUMPH! I'VE
PROGRAMMED
SUPERMAN'S
FINAL DEFEAT!

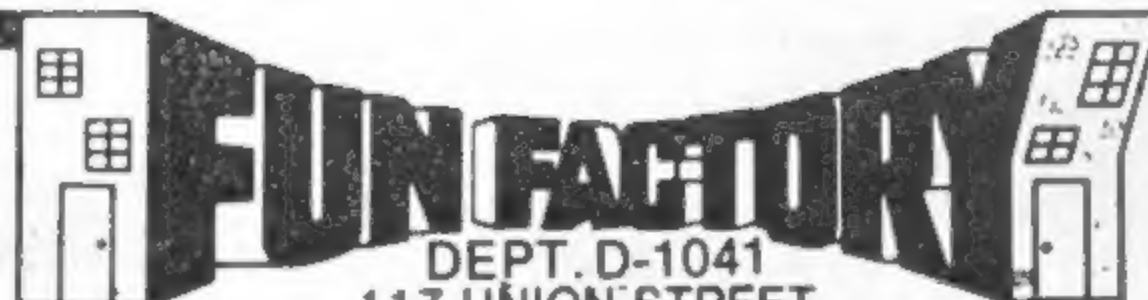
THE
MIGHTIEST
MAN ON EARTH
HAS BEEN TURNED
INTO A RAMPAGING
MENACE!
CAN **HAWKMAN**
SAVE **SUPERMAN**
FROM
HIMSELF?



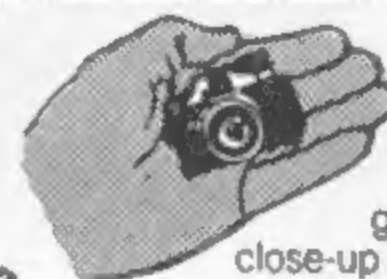
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TALKING TEETH
They walk, talk, clickety-clack and yackety-yak.
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SUPER

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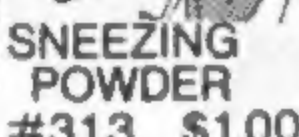
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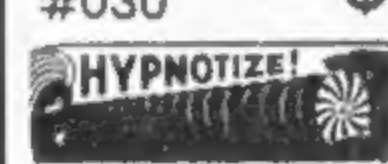


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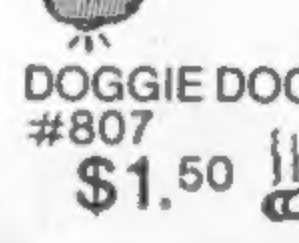
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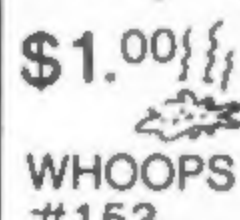
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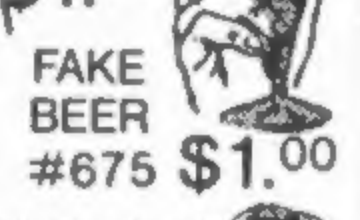


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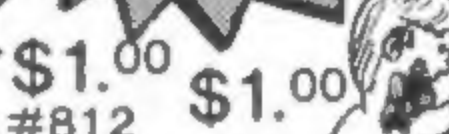
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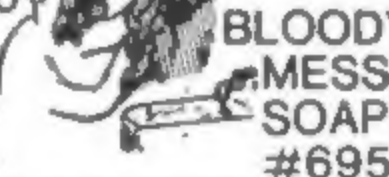
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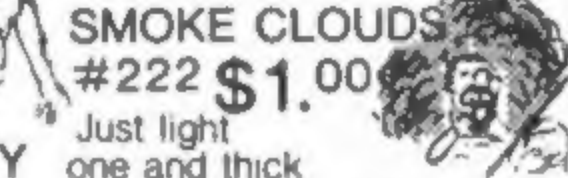
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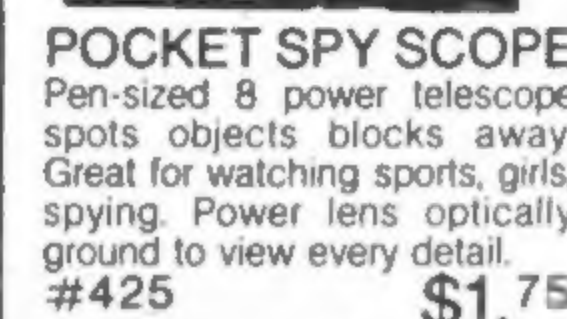
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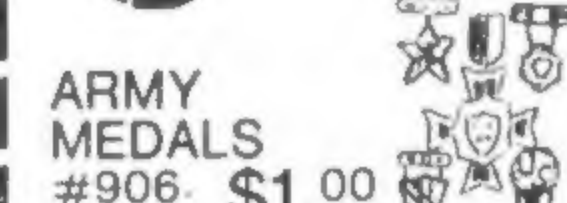
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ROCKETED AS A BABY FROM THE EXPLODING PLANET KRYPTON, KAL-EL GREW TO MANHOOD ON EARTH--WHOSE YELLOW SUN AND LIGHTER GRAVITY GAVE HIM FANTASTIC SUPER-POWERS! IN THE CITY OF METROPOLIS, HE POSES AS MILD-MANNERED TV NEWSMAN CLARK KENT--BUT BATTLES EVIL ALL OVER EARTH--AND BEYOND--AS...

SUPERMAN

Created by
JERRY SIEGEL &
JOE SHUSTER

ONCOMING OBJECT
IDENTIFIED--
KRYPTONIAN!

CONTACT
TO OCCUR
1/2 SECONDS
FROM...NOW!



GREAT POLARIS!
NO WAY TO AVOID
THIS SUPER-
COLLISION!

THE TONELESS COMPUTER VOICE ABOARD THE ORBITING JUSTICE LEAGUE SATELLITE ONLY CONFIRMS THE NIGHTMARISH IMAGE COMING INTO FOCUS ON THE MONITOR SCREEN--AS THE SHOCKED HAWKMAN GAPES AT A MAN OF STEEL HE HAS NEVER SEEN BEFORE--A RAGING, UNCONTROLLABLE SUPERMAN WHO HAS BEEN HORRIFYINGLY TRANSFORMED BY...

A MATTER OF LIGHT AND DEATH!

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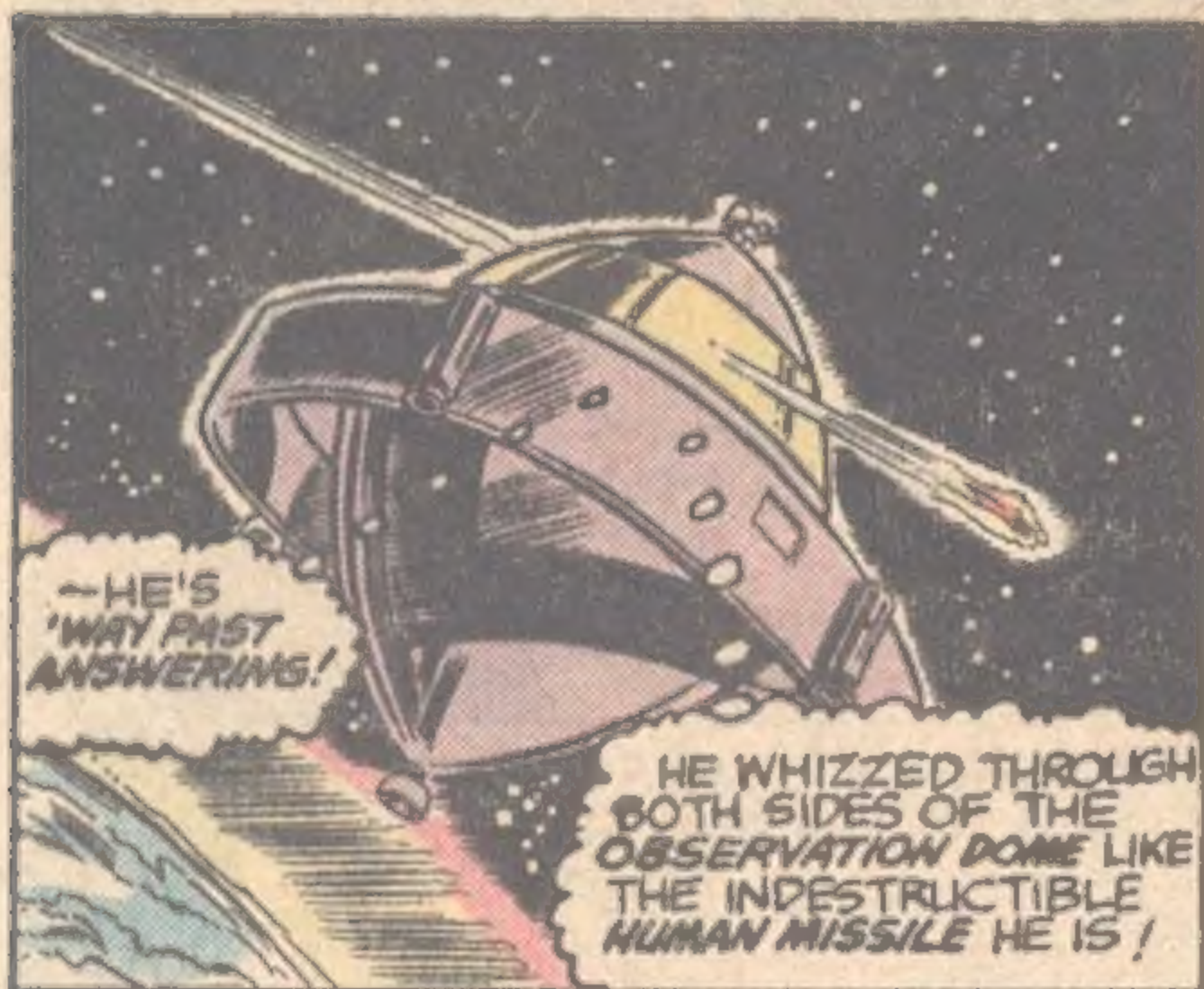
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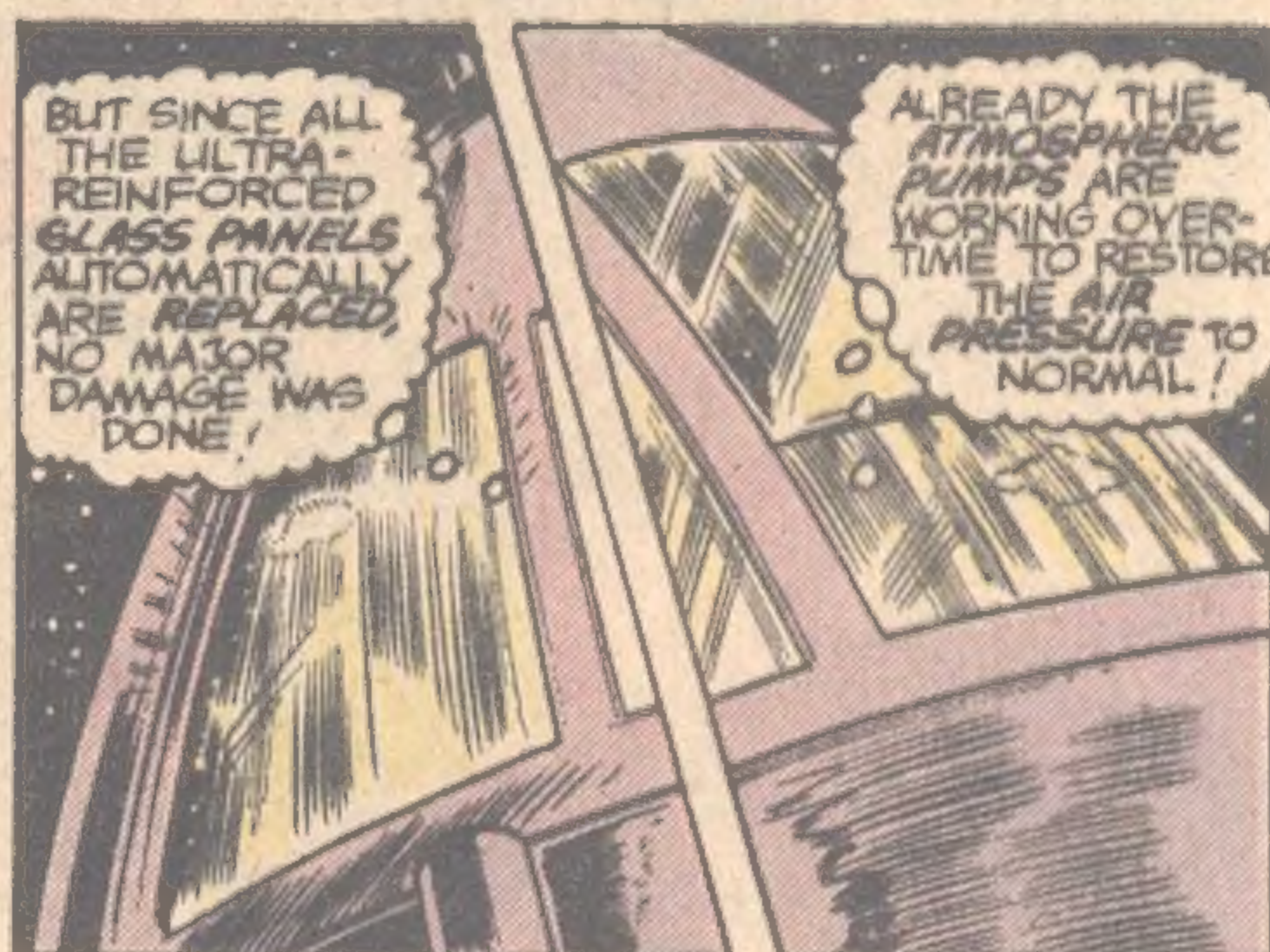
SUPERMAN!
WHY IN SPACE
ARE YOU DOING
THIS...?

NO USE...
HE DOESN'T
HEAR ME! OR
IF HE DOES--



~HE'S
'WAY PAST
ANSWERING!

HE WHIZZED THROUGH
BOTH SIDES OF THE
OBSERVATION DOME LIKE
THE INDESTRUCTIBLE
HUMAN MISSILE HE IS!



BUT SINCE ALL
THE ULTRA-
REINFORCED
GLASS PANELS
ARE REPLACED,
NO MAJOR
DAMAGE WAS
DONE!

ALREADY THE
ATMOSPHERIC
PUMPS ARE
WORKING OVER-
TIME TO RESTORE
THE AIR
PRESSURE TO
NORMAL!

AS THE SOFT HISS OF INRUSHING AIR FILLS
THE OBSERVATION DECK, THE GRIM WINGED
WONDER PONDER'S THE MAN OF STEEL'S
DESTRUCTIVE DISPLAY...



IN ALL MY YEARS AS A
JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBER,
I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUPER-
MAN IN SUCH A POTENTIALLY
DANGEROUS STATE!

I MUST ALERT
THE OTHER MEM-
BERS TO BE ON
THEIR GUARD!



THANK THANAGAR HE
SEEMED TO BE HEADED
AWAY FROM EARTH--
ZOOMING OUT INTO
DEEP--

WHA....!

CRAASHHHH





THE PENGUIN IN "PENGUINS ON PARADE"

LOOK! A PARADE
OF EMPEROR
PENGUINS!

MUST BE AN
ADVERTISING GIMMICK!

YOU AREN'T LOOKING
AT PENGUINS, M'DEAR!
THEY ARE PUPPETS
IN A PECUNIARY
PLOT. WHICH WILL
SOON THICKEN.



WHILE EVERYBODY'S
ATTENTION IS ENGAGED
BY MY PENGUINS, I SHALL
TAKE POSSESSION OF THE
EMPEROR'S SWORD, A
KING'S RANSOM IN
GEMS AND HISTORY.

WELL, WELL, WELL.
SOMEBODY HAS LEFT
SOME **HOSTESS®**
FRUIT PIES EASILY
ACCESSIBLE. **APPLE**
AND **CHERRY**. I THINK
A LITTLE STOPOVER
TO ENJOY SOME
WOULD NOT
BE AMISS.

WE PUT EMPEROR
PENGUINS AND THE
EMPEROR'S SWORD
TOGETHER AND
KNEW YOU HAD
TO BE NEAR.

AND THANKS
TO **HOSTESS**
FRUIT PIES,
YOU'RE NOT
ONLY NEAR,
BUT CAUGHT.



OH, WELL, I DIDN'T
GET A FORTUNE IN
GEMS... BUT I DID
GET THE **LIGHT**,
TENDER CRUST,
THE **REAL FRUIT**
FILLING OF
HOSTESS FRUIT
PIES. THE DAY
WASN'T A
TOTAL LOSS.

YOU GET A BIG DELIGHT
IN EVERY BITE
OF **HOSTESS® FRUIT PIES**



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THE ACTUAL CAPE WORN BY CHRISTOPHER REEVE
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ENTER **TODAY!**

THE VERDANT
HEIGHTS OF
A LOFTY
FOREST
IN THE WILDS
OF NORTHERN
OREGON--

--WHERE EVEN
THE MASSIVE
BULK OF A
TOWERING
SEQUOIA--

--IS NO MATCH
FOR THE
AWESOME
MOMENTUM
OF THE
PLUMMETING
MAN OF
MIGHT!

HE'S OUT COLD, ALL
RIGHT--THAT'S
ALL WE KNOW ABOUT
THIS!

HOIST HIM ON YOUR
SHOULDERS, JERRY!
WE'LL TAKE HIM
BACK TO THE CABIN
WITH US!

SHORTLY...

UHHH...

YOU HEAR THAT,
JERRY? SOUNDS
LIKE OUR GUEST
IS REGAINING
CONSCIOUSNESS...

GREAT
GALAXIES!
AM I STILL
DREAMING--?

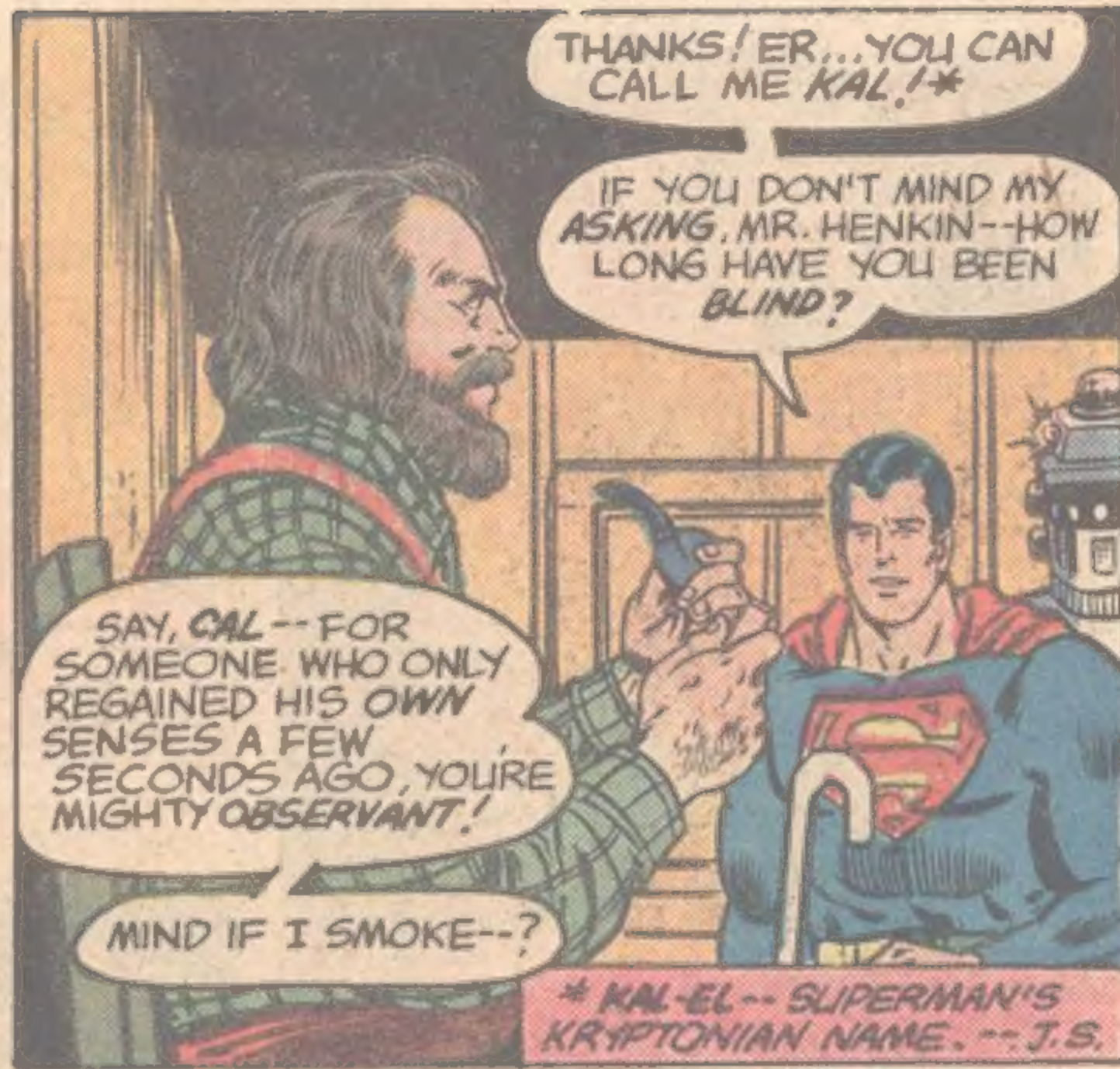
NO, SON
...YOU'RE
WIDE
AWAKE!

THAT MECHANICAL-
LOOKING FELLOW
STANDING OVER YOU
IS JERRY--AND HE'S
THE MOST RELIABLE
COMPANION A MAN
COULD HAVE OUT
HERE IN THE
WILDERNESS!



AND I SHOULD KNOW--I BUILT JERRY MYSELF! DOWN TO HIS LAST TRANSISTOR, DIODE AND BOLT!

THEODORE J. HENKIN IS THE NAME, SON! WELCOME TO MY HUMBLE HOME!



THANKS! ER...YOU CAN CALL ME KAL!*

IF YOU DON'T MIND MY ASKING, MR. HENKIN--HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN BLIND?

SAY, CAL--FOR SOMEONE WHO ONLY REGAINED HIS OWN SENSES A FEW SECONDS AGO, YOU'RE MIGHTY OBSERVANT!

MIND IF I SMOKE--?

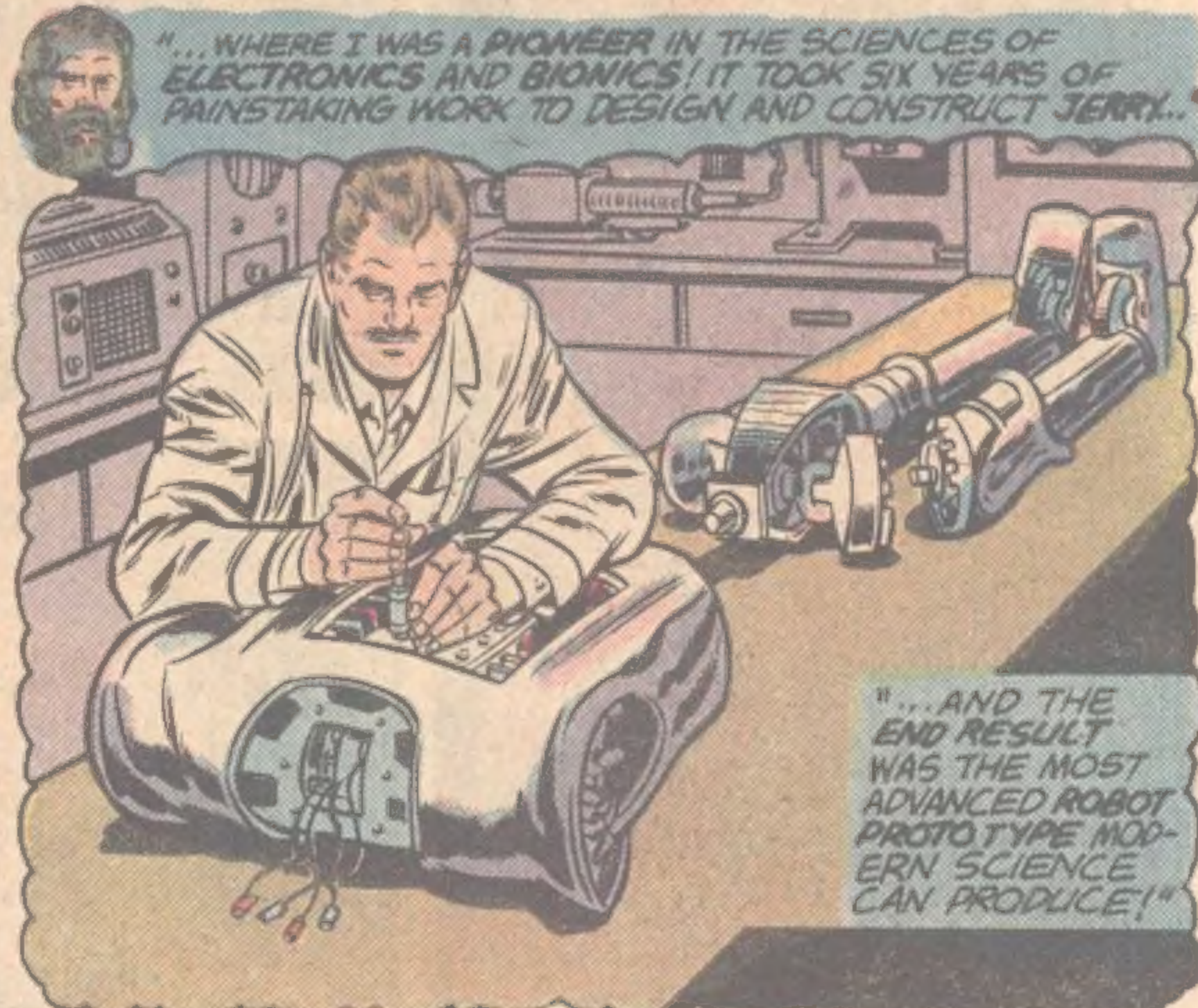
* KAL-EL--SUPERMAN'S KRYPTONIAN NAME. --J.S.



NOT AT ALL--ALLOW ME TO LIGHT IT!

THANKS, CAL! YOU MUST HAVE ONE HECKLIVA LONG REACH!

AS FOR THESE EYES OF MINE...THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED SEVERAL YEARS AGO...AT THE LAB I HAD IN SACRAMENTO...

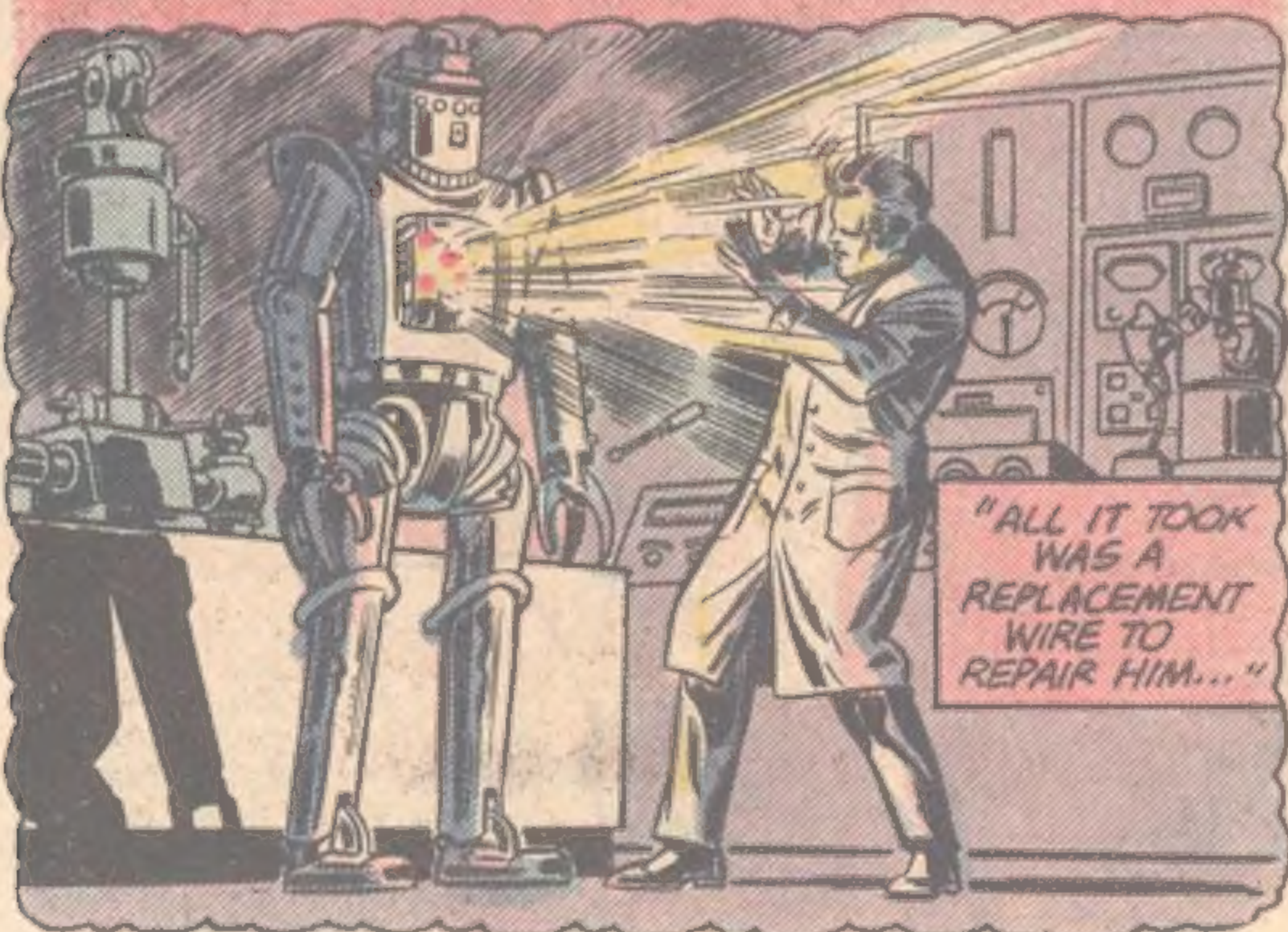


"...WHERE I WAS A PIONEER IN THE SCIENCES OF ELECTRONICS AND BIONICS! IT TOOK SIX YEARS OF PAINSTAKING WORK TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT JERRY..."

"...AND THE END RESULT WAS THE MOST ADVANCED ROBOT PROTOTYPE MODERN SCIENCE CAN PRODUCE!"

"BUT AS I WAS MAKING THE FINAL ADJUSTMENTS, JERRY'S NEUTRONIC POWER PLANT SUDDENLY SHORTED OUT AND FLARED UP BEFORE MY EYES!"

"...UNFORTUNATELY, THE DAMAGE I SUFFERED WAS FAR MORE SERIOUS! THE NEUTRONIC FLARE WAS SO BRILLIANT IT GLAZED BOTH MY EYES WITH THICK CATARACTS..."



"ALL IT TOOK WAS A REPLACEMENT WIRE TO REPAIR HIM..."



"...CRYSTALIZED SO HARD NOT EVEN OUR MOST ADVANCED MICRO-LASERS CAN REMOVE THEM! I WAS GIVEN THE GRIM NEWS I WOULD NEVER SEE AGAIN..."

... AND I SOON REALIZED HOW IMPORTANT **SOUNDS** HAVE BECOME TO MY LIFE! CAN YOU BLAME ME FOR TURNING MY BACK ON THE CONSTANT **NOISE POLLUTION** PRODUCED BY THE CIVILIZED WORLD?

CAL? YOU **STILL** THERE, SON?

S-SORRY, MR. HENKIN! I'M RIGHT HERE!

I WAS SORT OF LOST IN THOUGHT... AND HEARING YOUR STORY MAY HAVE HELPED ME **SOLVE** A PROBLEM OF MY OWN!

WELL! GLAD TO BE OF SERVICE!

TELL YOU WHAT-- IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU, I'M GOING TO BORROW TWO LUMPS OF COAL!

BE MY GUEST, CAL... ALTHOUGH I MUST SAY YOU'VE GOT ME **CURIOUS** NOW!

JUST GIVE ME A MINUTE OR TWO, MR. HENKIN... AND EVERYTHING WILL BECOME CLEAR TO YOU-- I HOPE!

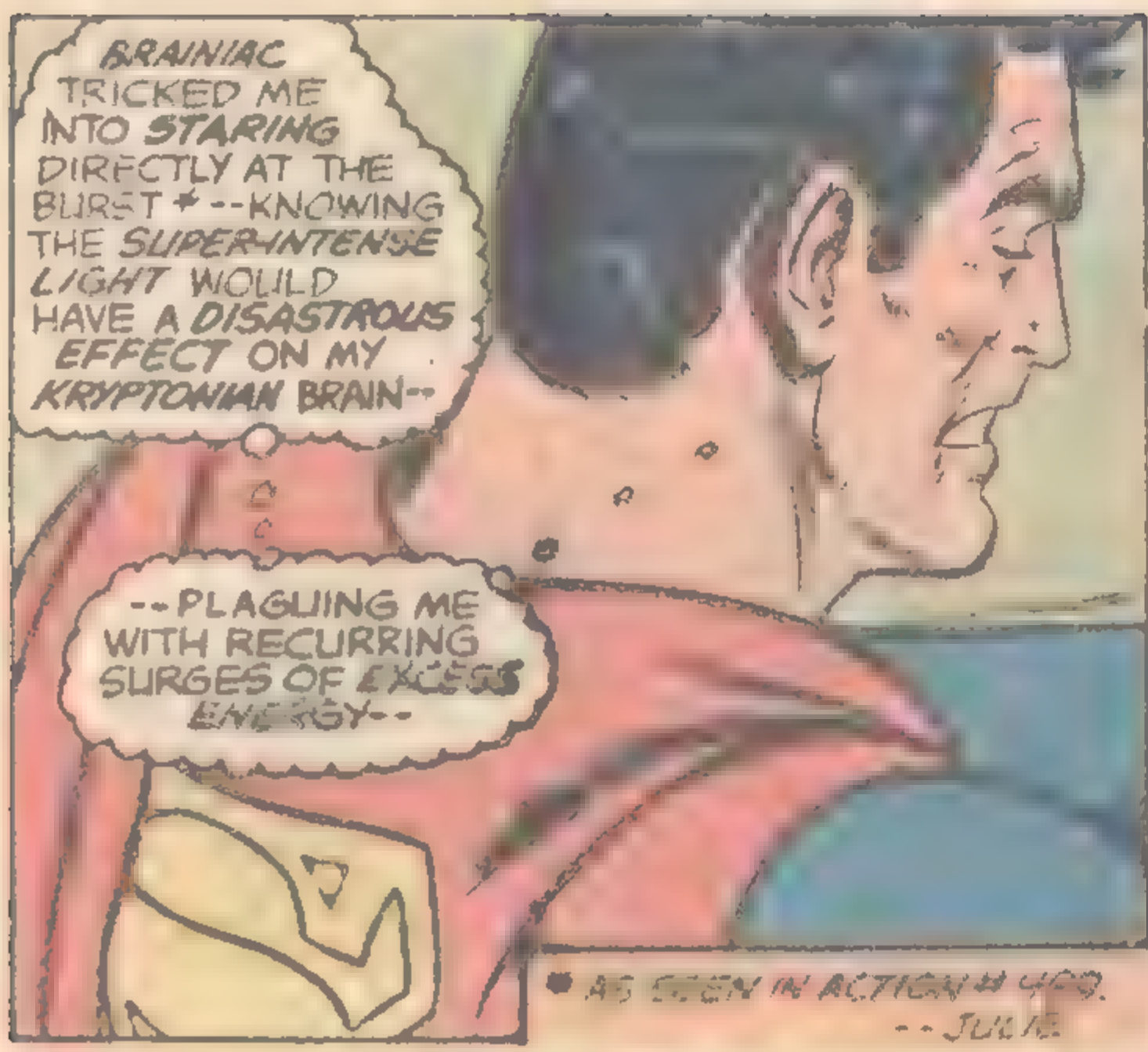
I'VE GOT TO REALLY **CONCENTRATE**... I MUST USE THE **PRECISE DEGREE** OF **SUPER-STRENGTH** IF THIS IS TO WORK!

AND IN THE MOMENT BEFORE THE BLINDING FLASH, AN AWE-SOME FLASH OF LIGHT FROM THE PAST WHICH HAD REACHED EARTH ONLY DAYS AGO...

... SUPERMAN SILENTLY RECALLS ANOTHER BLINDING FLASH-- AN AWE-SOME FLASH OF LIGHT FROM THE PAST WHICH HAD REACHED EARTH ONLY DAYS AGO...

... AFTER BEAMING ACROSS THE GALAXY...

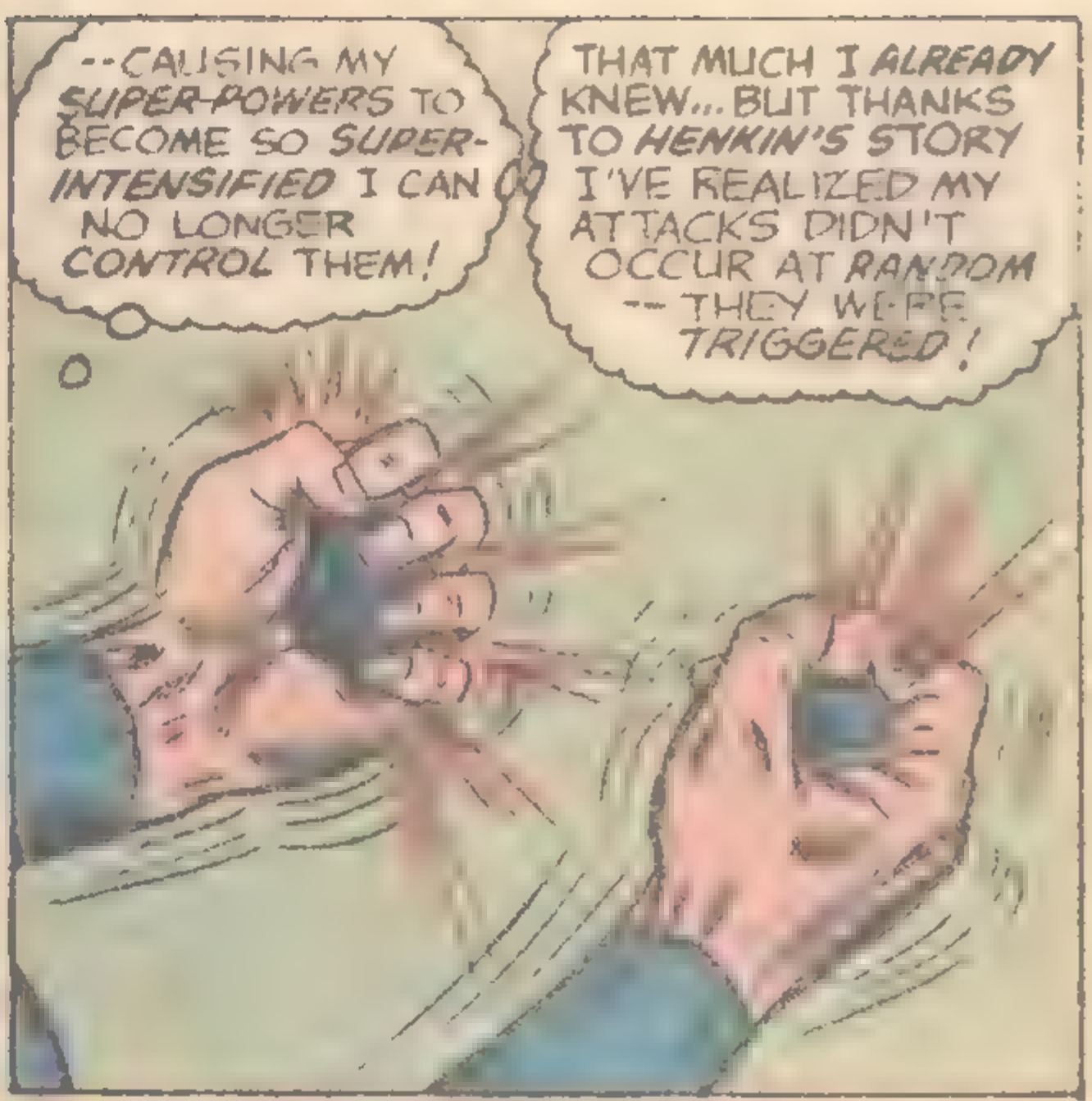
THE BRILLIANT FLASH CAUSED BY THE DESTRUCTION OF SUPERMAN'S BIRTHPLACE-- THE TERRIBLE EXPLOSION OF THE PLANET KRYPTON!



BRAINIAC TRICKED ME INTO STARING DIRECTLY AT THE BURST -- KNOWING THE SUPER-INTENSE LIGHT WOULD HAVE A DISASTROUS EFFECT ON MY KRYPTONIAN BRAIN--

--PLAGUING ME WITH RECURRING SURGES OF EXCESS ENERGY--

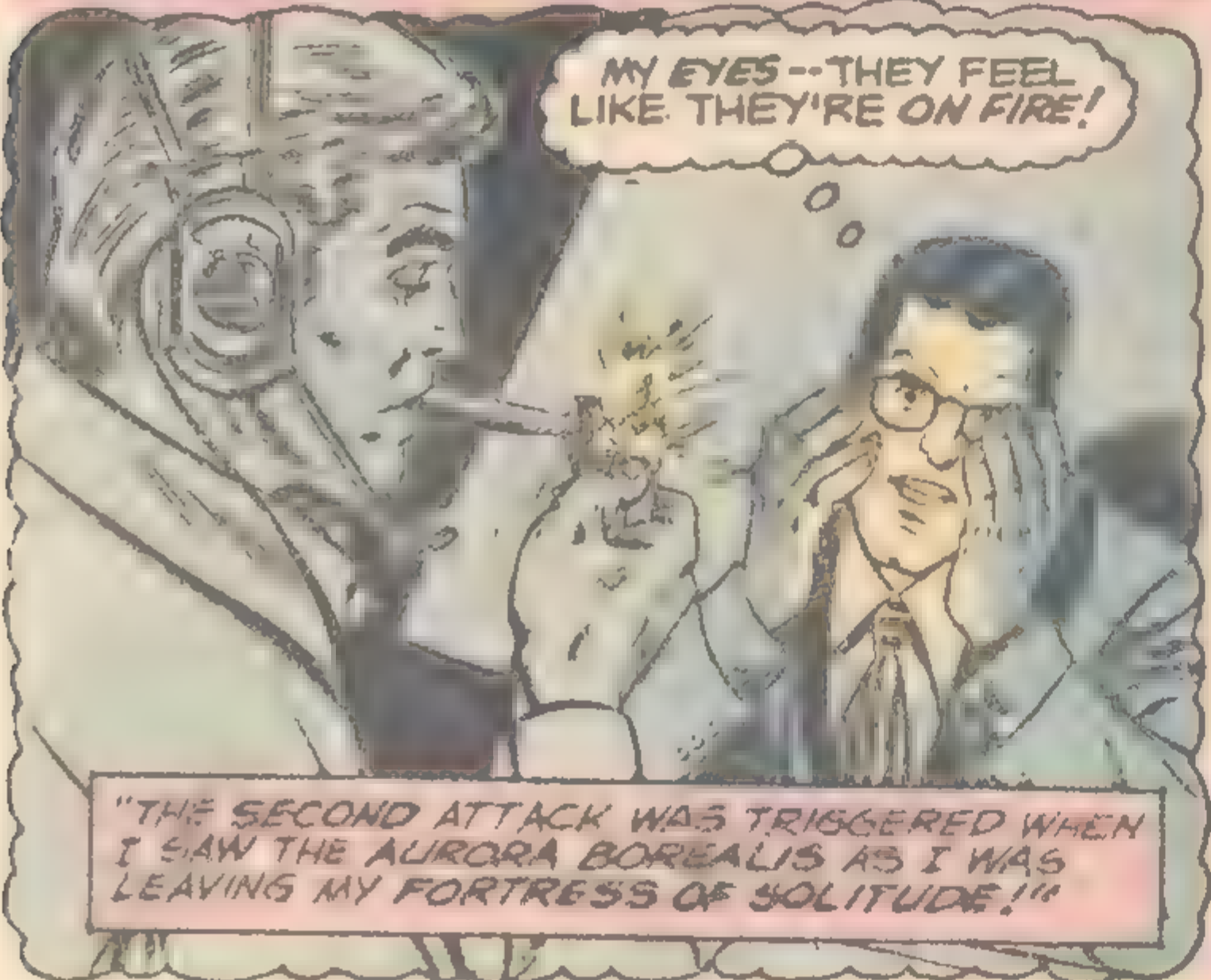
AS SEEN IN ACTION #400.
-- JULIE



--CAUSING MY SUPER-POWERS TO BECOME SO SUPER-INTENSIFIED I CAN NO LONGER CONTROL THEM!

THAT MUCH I ALREADY KNEW... BUT THANKS TO HENKIN'S STORY I'VE REALIZED MY ATTACKS DIDN'T OCCUR AT RANDOM -- THEY WERE TRIGGERED!

"THE FIRST TIME, IT WAS DIRECTOR JOSH COYLE FLASHING HIS LIGHTER IN FRONT OF ME AT THE WIGGS STUDIOS."



MY EYES -- THEY FEEL LIKE THEY'RE ON FIRE!

"THE SECOND ATTACK WAS TRIGGERED WHEN I SAW THE AURORA BOREALIS AS I WAS LEAVING MY FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE!"

"THE THIRD TIME, IT WAS JIMMY OLSEN TAKING MY PICTURE -- AS HIS FLASHBULB WENT OFF..."



"THE FLASHING LIGHT CONNECTION DIDN'T DAWN ON ME THEN..."



"...BECAUSE I WAS ALREADY LOSING CONTROL OF MY SUPER-POWERS-- AND ABOUT TO ATTACK THE JUSTICE LEAGUE SATELLITE!"



CAL... IS IT MY IMAGINATION, OR DO I SMELL SOMETHING SMOLDERING IN HERE?

I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU, MR. HENKIN!

TRANSFORMING CARBON FROM ITS CRUDE COAL FORM TO ITS PUREST STATE IS NO EASY TRICK... EVEN FOR ME!

IT'S FUN

for
every
one!

NO SUGAR TO HARM YOUR TEETH!
OK WITH MOMS OF THE WORLD!

Soft, Juicy
Chunks!

GREAT
TASTE

Amazing
BUBBLES-
A LONG-LASTING
FLAVORS!

Soft'n
Sugarfree

Bubble Gum

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Ask your Mom to buy
the money-saving box.

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You can buy chunks
one-at-a-time

Soft'n Sugarfree BUBBLE GUM

First, I want to say that I am
 very proud of the way you
 have handled this situation.
 I am sure that you will
 continue to do a great job
 of leading the team.
 I am sure that you will
 continue to do a great job
 of leading the team.

P. O. BOX 420, DEPT. 32
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63166

AFTER ALL, IT TAKES MOTHER NATURE
MILLIONS OF YEARS AND JUST AS MANY
TONS OF UNDERGROUND PRESSURE TO
PRODUCE EVEN ONE RAW DIAMOND--

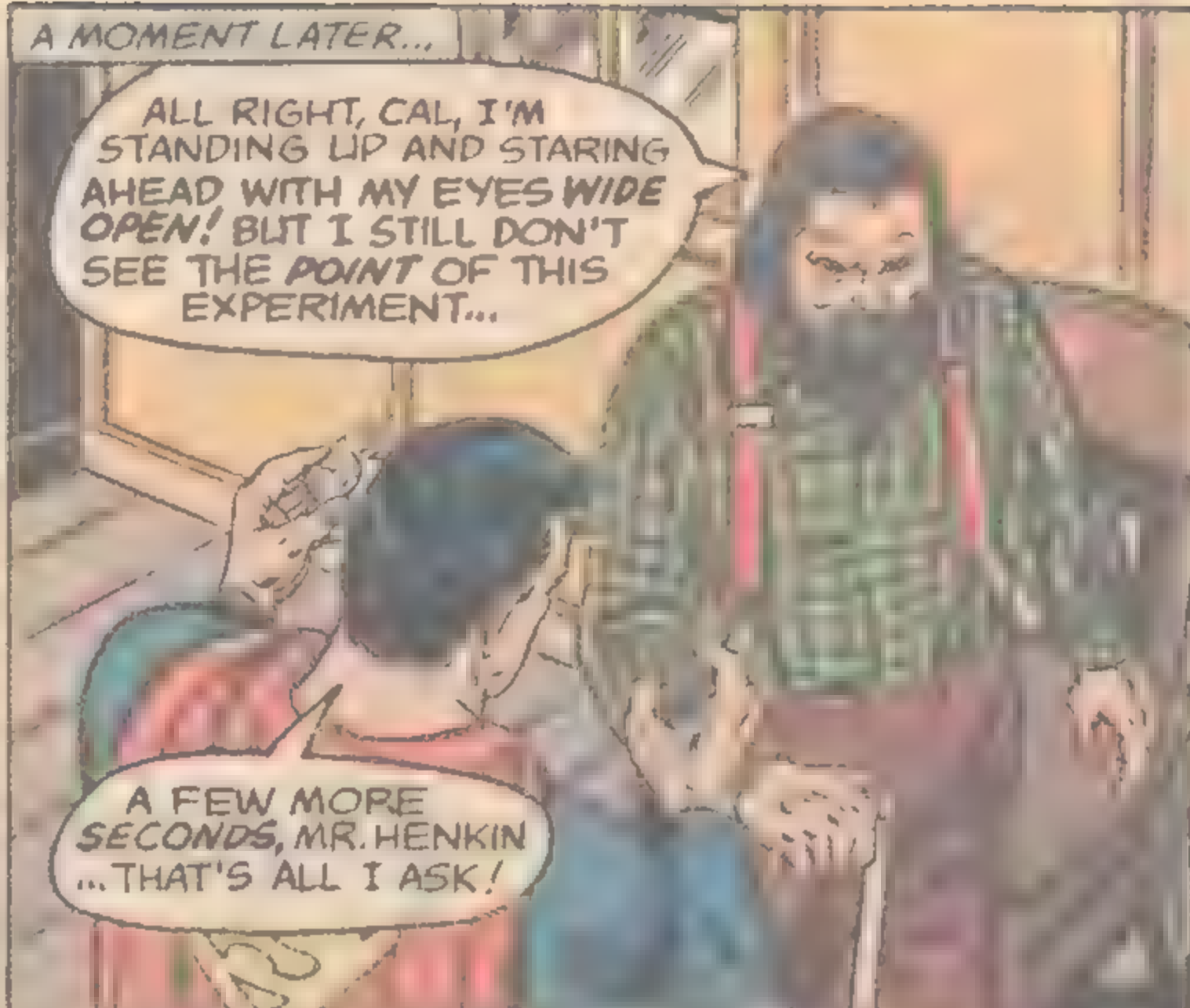
--LET ALONE TWO!



A MOMENT LATER...

ALL RIGHT, CAL, I'M
STANDING UP AND STARING
AHEAD WITH MY EYES WIDE
OPEN! BUT I STILL DON'T
SEE THE POINT OF THIS
EXPERIMENT...

A FEW MORE
SECONDS, MR. HENKIN
...THAT'S ALL I ASK!



NOW YOU MAY FEEL A
SLIGHT HEAT SENSATION
SPREADING THROUGH
YOUR EYES... BUT DON'T
WORRY ABOUT IT!

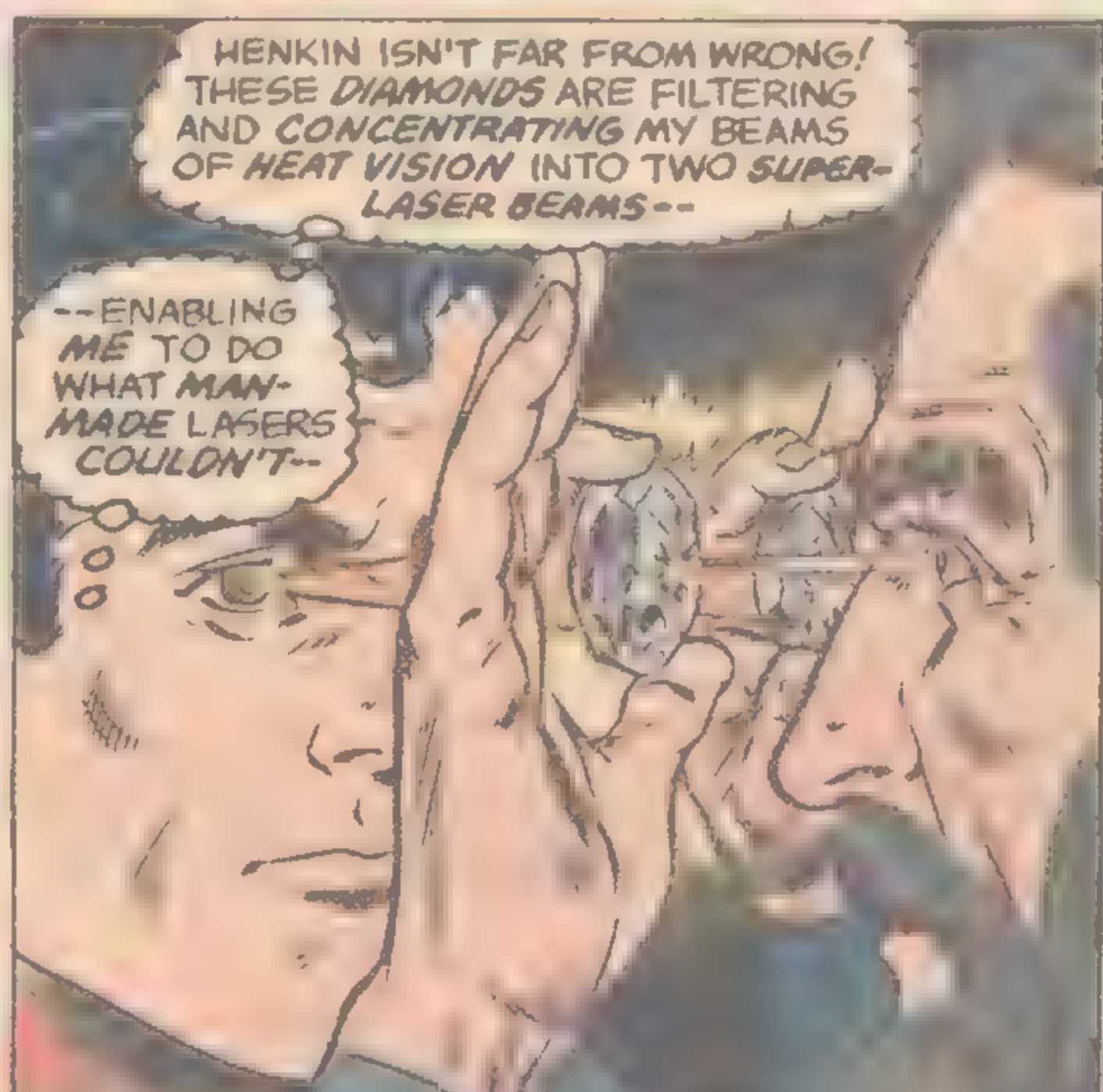
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FOR YOU TO
SAY, YOUNG
MAN!

IT FEELS LIKE
I'M BEING
PIERCED WITH
PINPOINTS
OF SUNLIGHT!



HENKIN ISN'T FAR FROM WRONG!
THESE DIAMONDS ARE FILTERING
AND CONCENTRATING MY BEAMS
OF HEAT VISION INTO TWO SUPER-
LASER BEAMS--

--ENABLING
ME TO DO
WHAT MAN-
MADE LASERS
COULDN'T--



--BURN AWAY THOSE
CATARACTS AND RESTORE
HIS EYESIGHT!

CAL! WHAT DID
YOU DO TO MY EYES?

THEY FEEL STRANGE!
LIKE... GOOD LORD! I
THINK I'M STARTING
TO SENSE
SHAPES...



...AND NOW
COLORS... AND...
YES--YES!

IT'S JERRY!
I CAN SEE
JERRY AGAIN!

I CAN SEE
EVERYTHING!
I DON'T KNOW
HOW YOU DID
IT, CAL, BUT
YOU CURED
ME!





CAL--?

HE'S GONE--! A MAN BLESSES ME WITH AN HONEST-TO-GOODNESS MIRACLE THAT LETS ME SEE AGAIN...

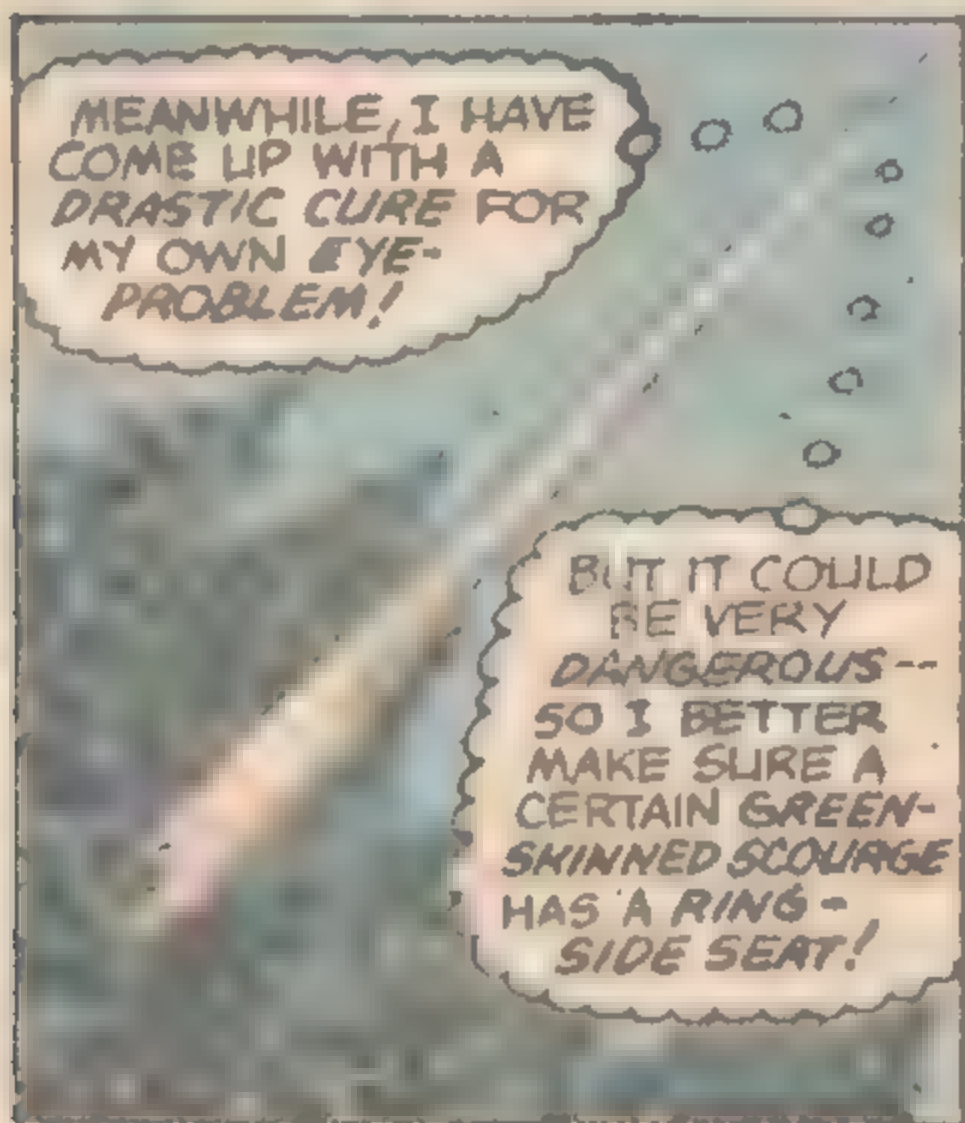
...AND HE DOESN'T STAY LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO THANK HIM FACE-TO-FACE!



THAT FACE IS NOW ETCHED WITH GRIM RESOLVE -- TO FULFILL A SINGLE MISSION...

I'M SURE HENKIN WILL EVENTUALLY FIGURE OUT WHO HIS MYSTERIOUS FRIEND "CAL" REALLY WAS.. KAL-EL!

BUT RIGHT NOW, I HAVE NO TIME FOR GRATITUDE! NOT AS LONG AS BRAINIAC IS STILL AT LARGE!



MEANWHILE, I HAVE COME UP WITH A DRASTIC CURE FOR MY OWN EYE-PROBLEM!

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SUPERMAN'S FAILURE TO DEMOLISH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE SATELLITE WAS A SEVERE DISAPPOINTMENT...

...BUT I'M CONFIDENT HIS NEXT KRYPTON-ATTACK WILL PROVE CONSIDERABLY MORE SATISFYING!



ESPECIALLY SINCE I PLAN TO TRIGGER ATTACK NUMBER FOUR--WITH A SUDDEN FLASH OF LIGHT THAT WILL CATCH MY KRYPTONIAN FOE COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE!



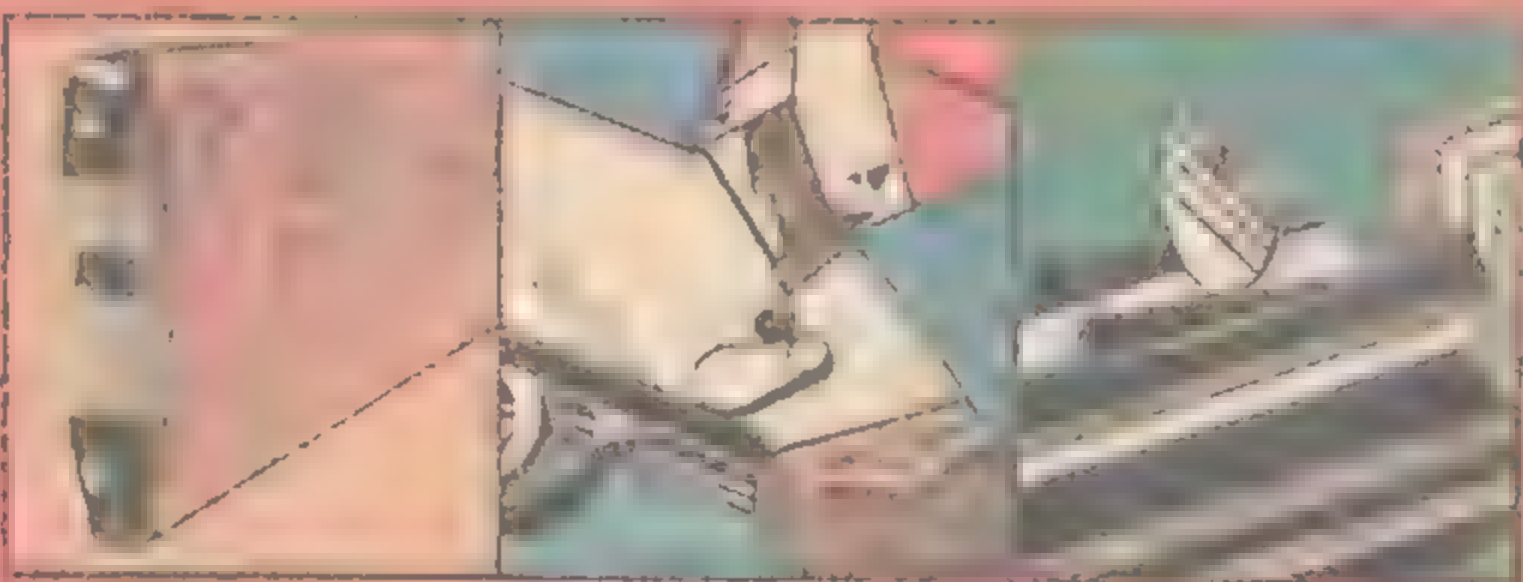
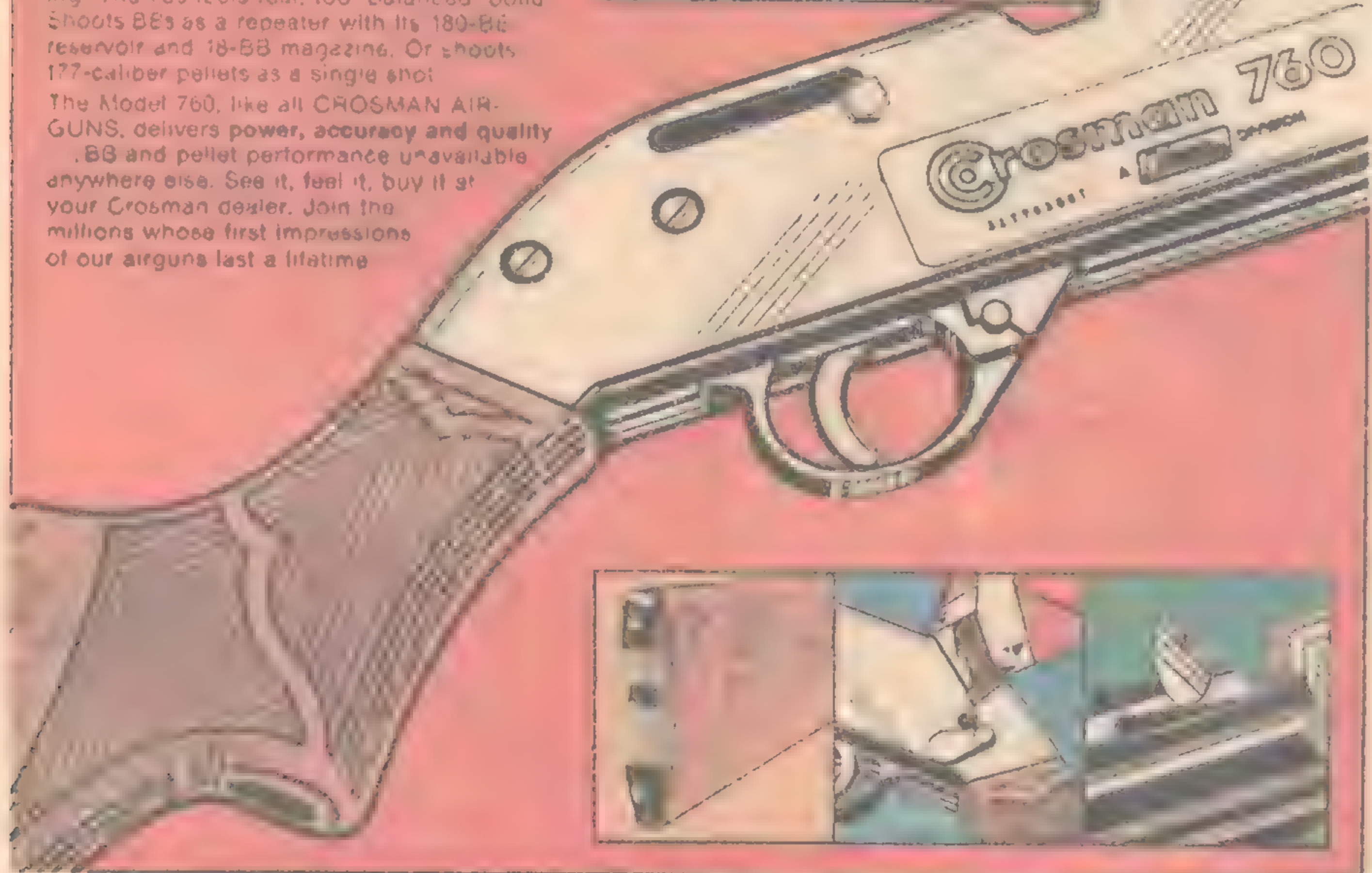
ALL THAT REMAINS IS FOR ME TO--

OOOFFF! SOMETHING SEEMS TO HAVE COLLIDED WITH ME--

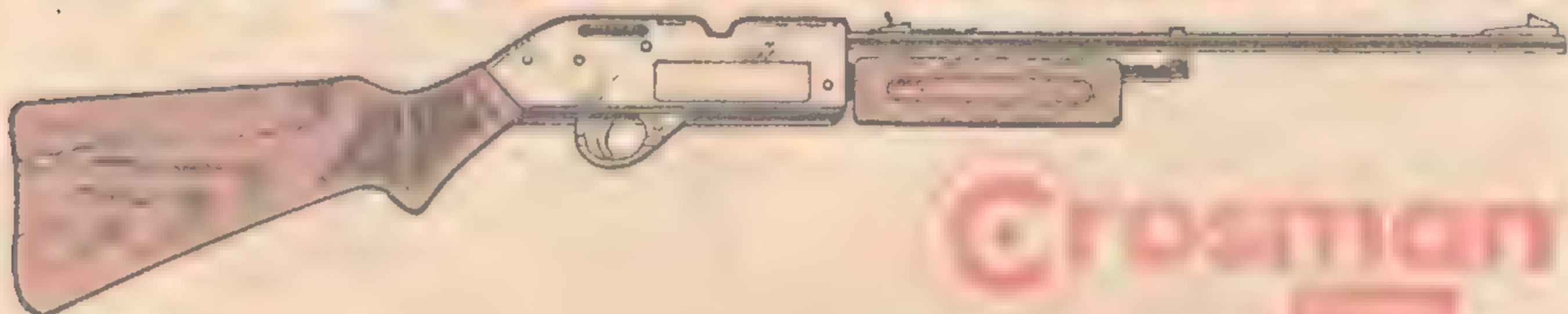
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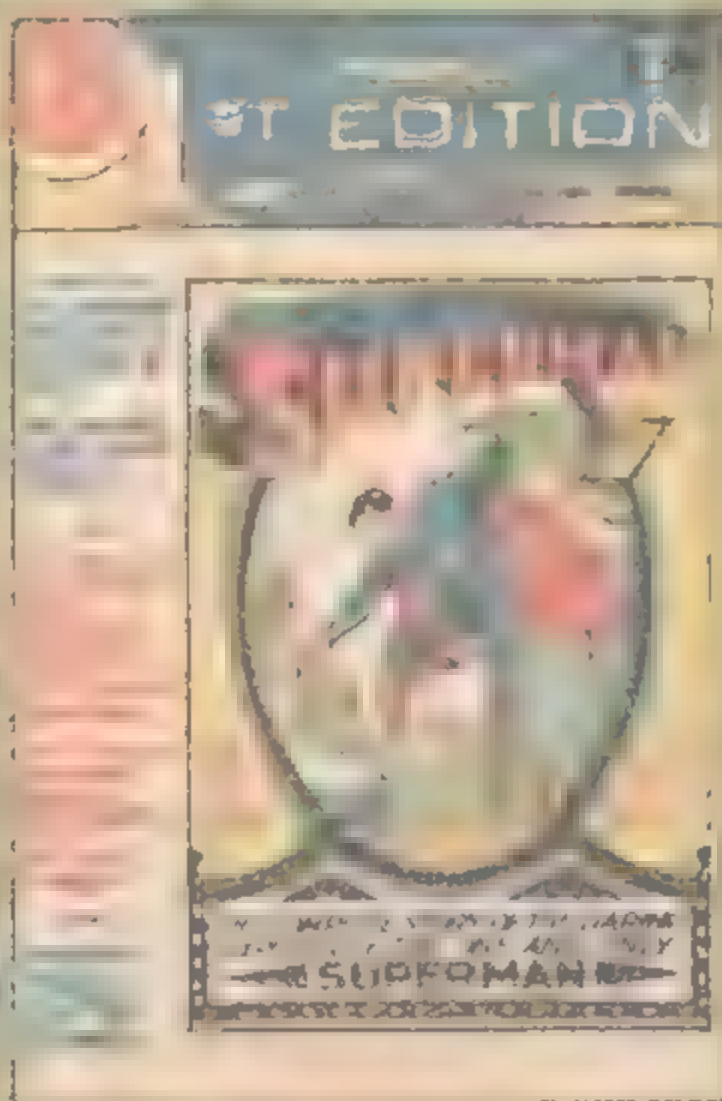
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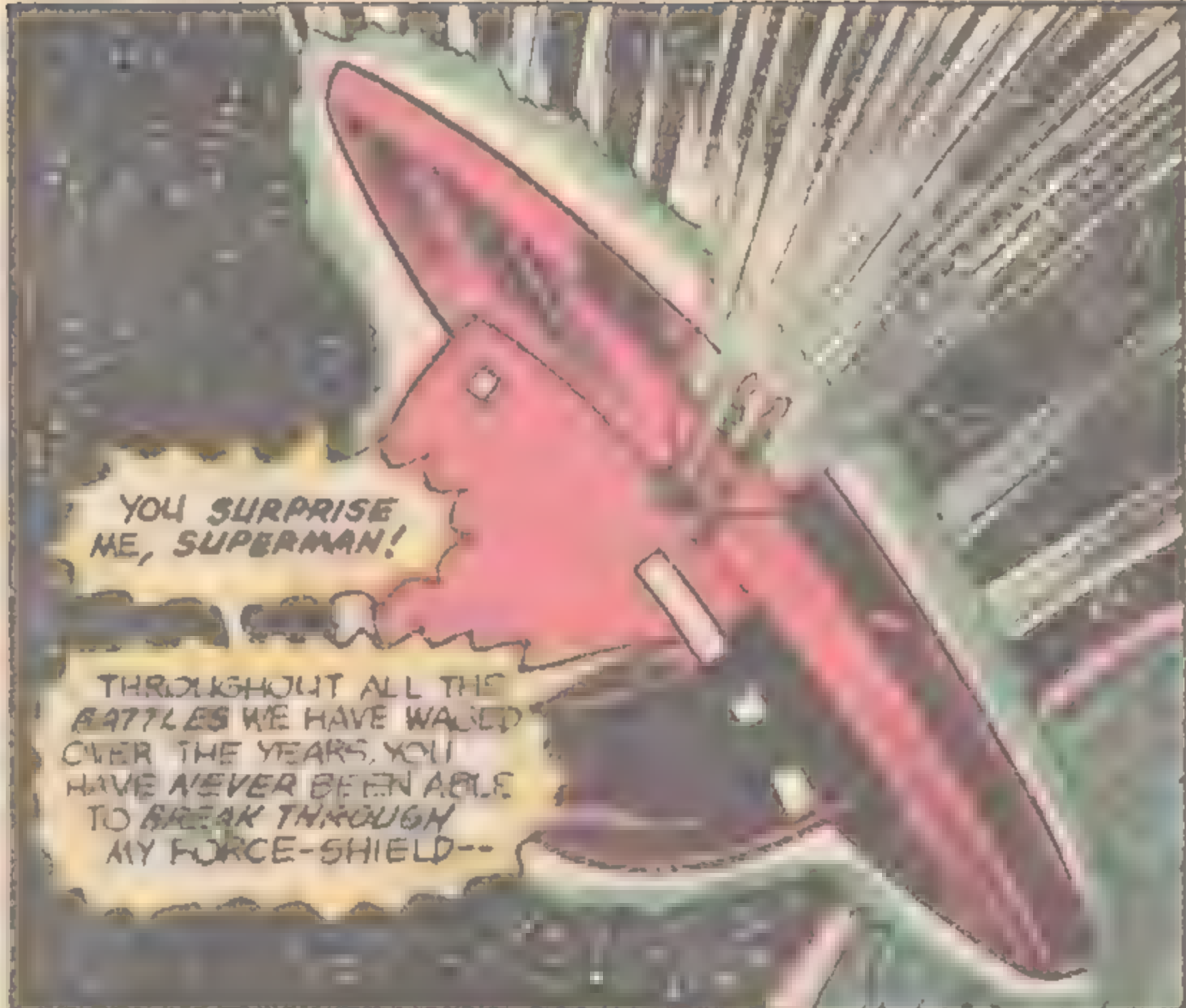


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MORE SPECIFIC--
SOMETHING
COLLIDED WITH
MY IMPENETRABLE
FORCE-FIELD!

AND IT DOES
NOT REQUIRE MUCH
EXTRAPOLATION
TO DEDUCE WHO
IS KNOCKING ON
MY HULL!



YOU SURPRISE
ME, SUPERMAN!

THROUGHOUT ALL THE
BATTLES WE HAVE WAJED
OVER THE YEARS, YOU
HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE
TO BREAK THROUGH
MY FORCE-SHIELD--

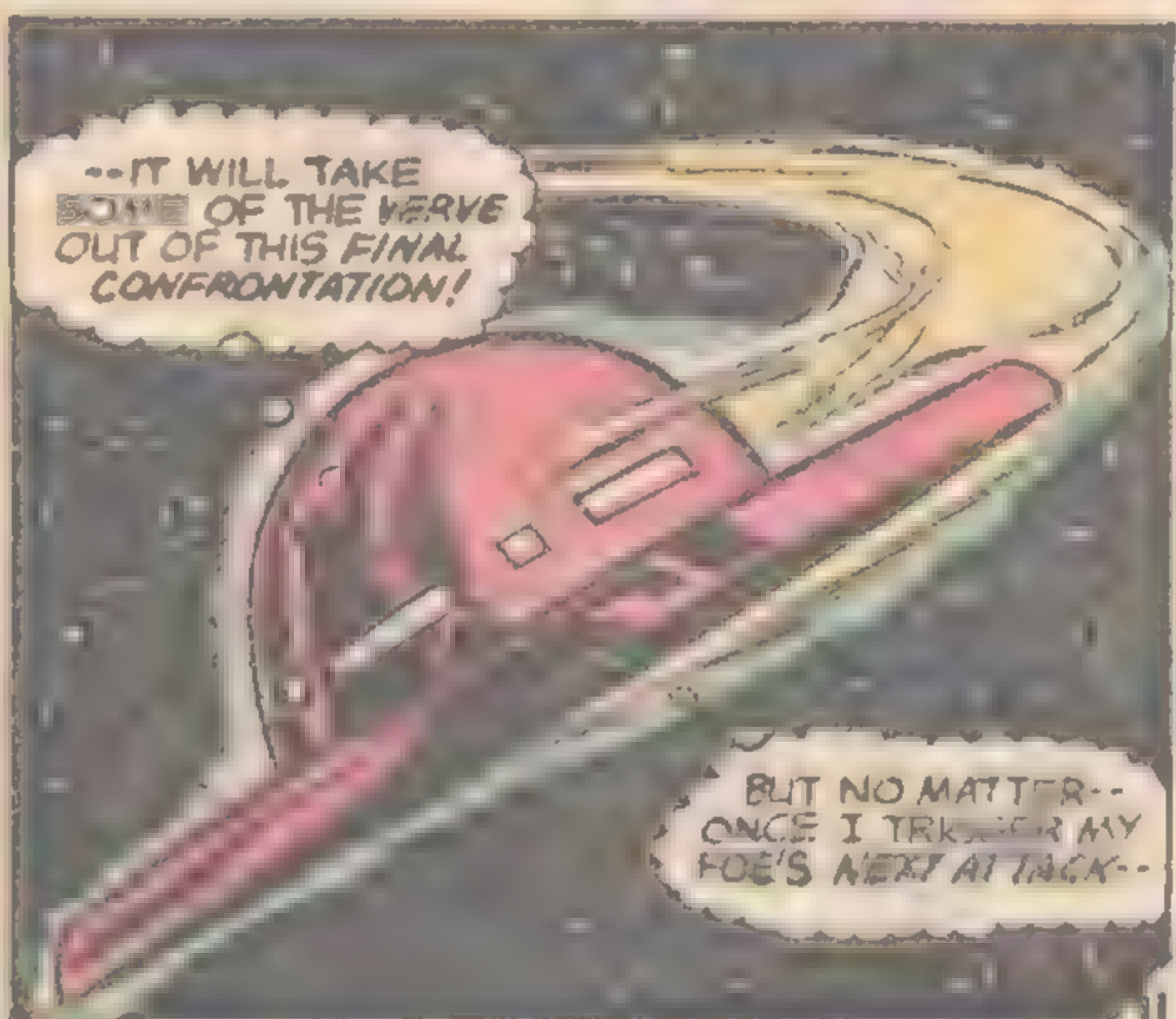


--SO WHAT IN THE
COSMOS LED YOU TO
BELIEVE YOU COULD
PENETRATE IT NOW?



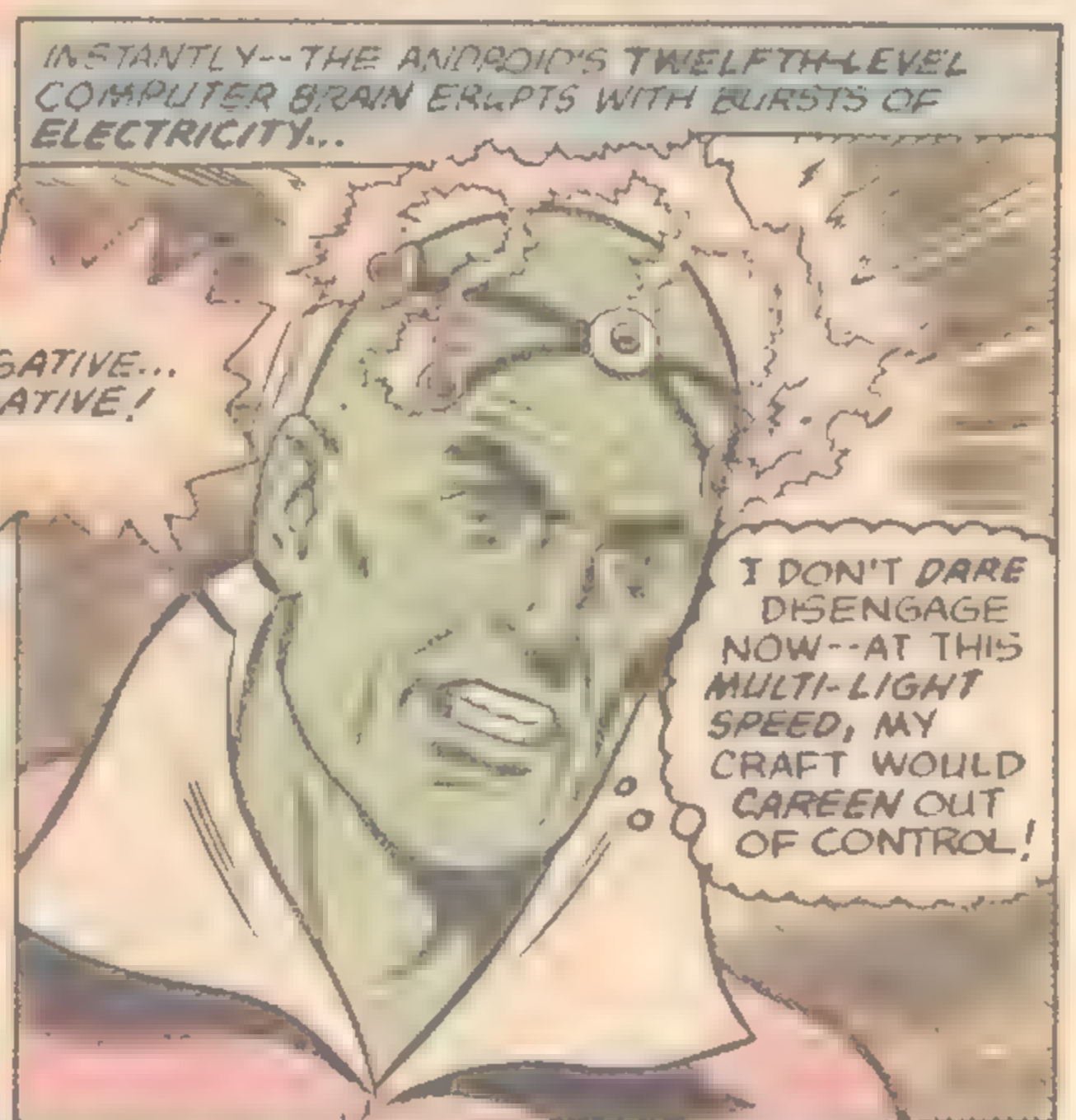
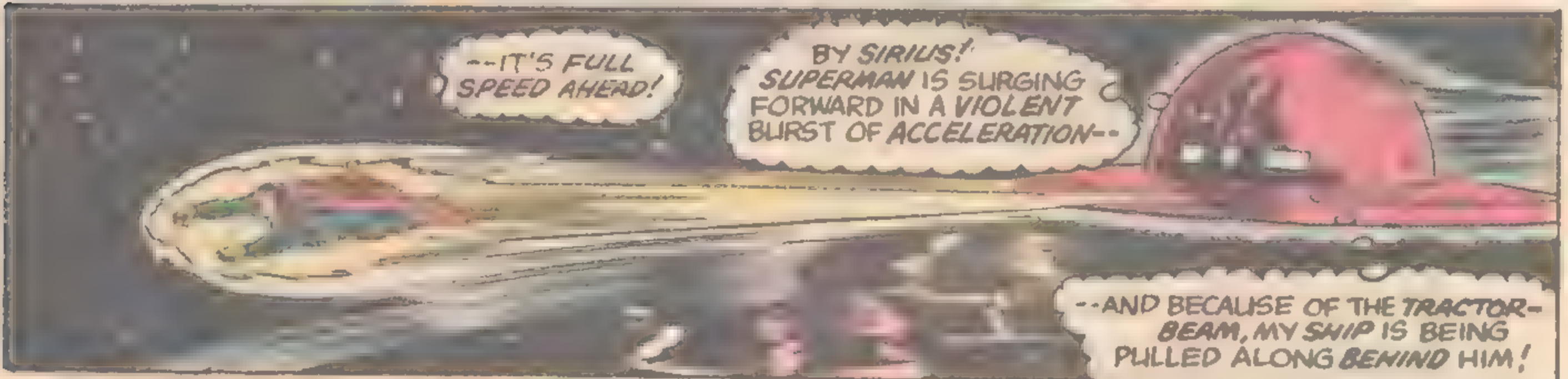
PERHAPS THESE KRYPTON-
ATTACKS HAVE TAKEN THEIR
TOLL ON SUPERMAN'S MIND
...DULLED HIS ABILITY TO
REASON IN COMBAT!

IF SUCH IS
THE CASE--

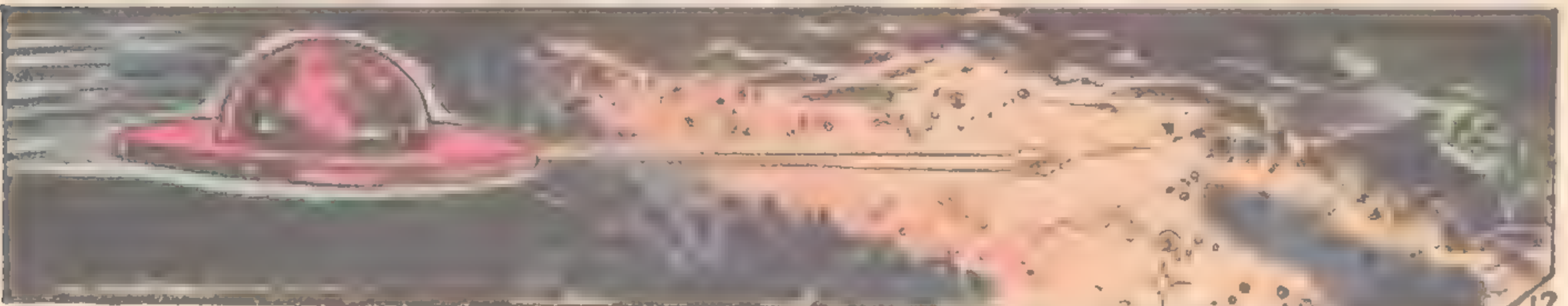


--IT WILL TAKE
SOME OF THE VERVE
OUT OF THIS FINAL
CONFRONTATION!

BUT NO MATTER--
ONCE I TRIGGER MY
FOE'S NEXT ATTACK--



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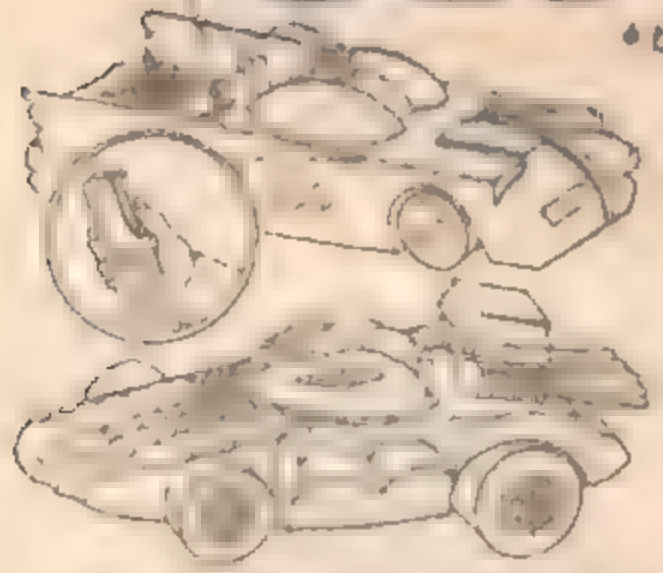
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THE GALAXY...

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POSSIBLY HOPE TO GAIN
BY THIS TRANS-GALACTIC
TREK?

AS IF IN ANSWER, A MIGHTY STAR-SUN SUDDENLY
AND SILENTLY LASHES OUT WITH A FINAL FURY
WHICH SIGNIFIES THAT MOST ARE SOME EVENT
OF STELLAR DESTRUCTION--

-- A
SUPER-
NOVA!

THE NOVA WENT
OFF-- WITHIN SECONDS
OF THE MOMENT
I CALCULATED!

IT TOOK QUITE A LOT
OF SPACE-SCOUTING
THIS MORNING TO
LOCATE A PRIME STAR-
SUN PULSATING IN ITS
FINAL DEATH-THROES--

-- BUT IT
ACCOMPLISHED
WHAT I WANTED!

MY EYES HAVE BEEN
SEARED BY THE MOST
SPECTACULAR FLASH OF
LIGHT IN THE UNIVERSE!

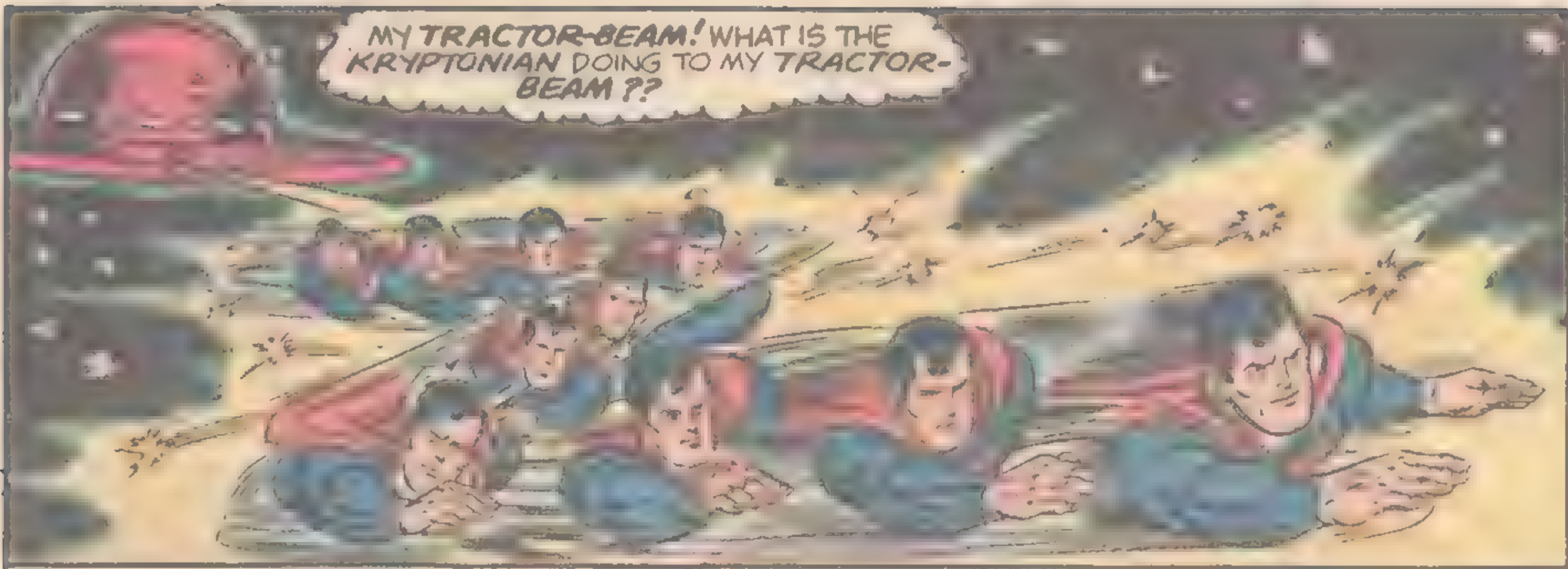
NO DOUBT THIS WILL
SET OFF THE MOST
VIOLENT ATTACK
OF ALL!

IT WILL
EITHER
KILL ME
OR CURE
ME--

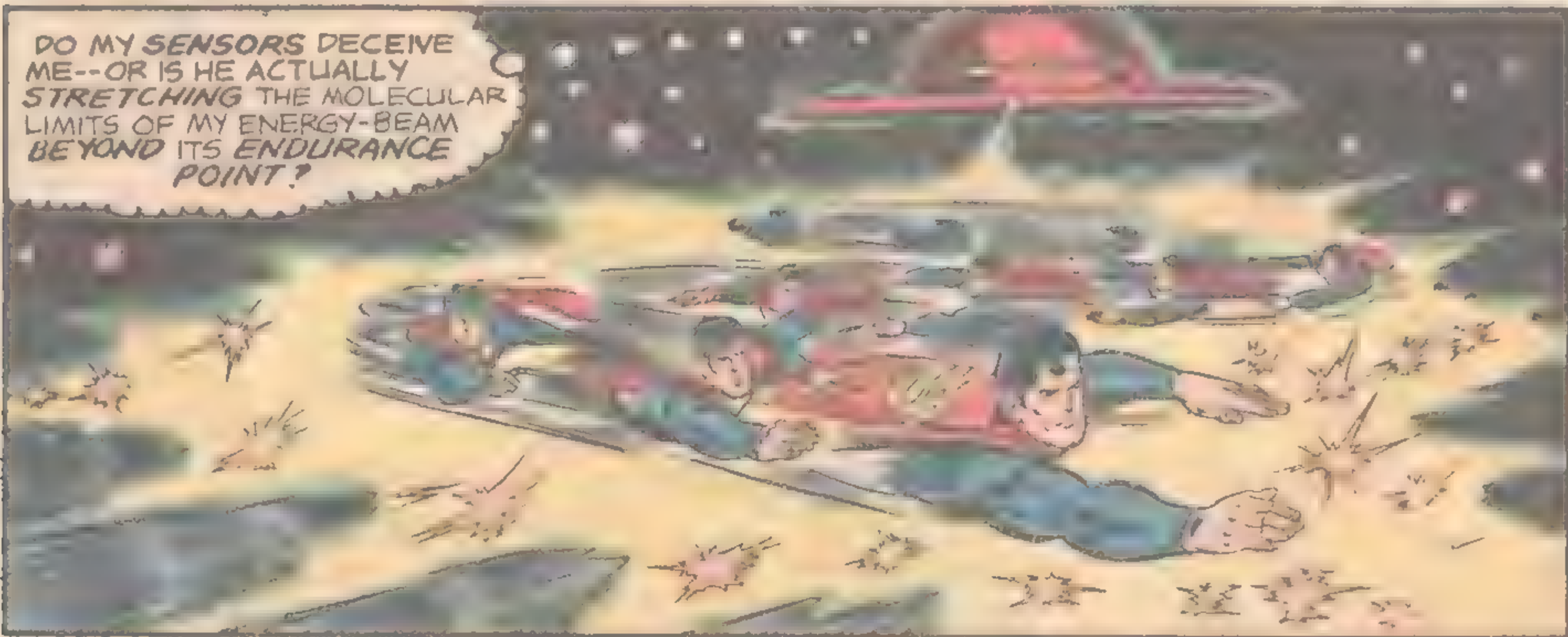
--BUT
EITHER
WAY--

--I WON'T
SURVIVE
ALONE...
OR DIE
ALONE!

MY TRACTOR-BEAM! WHAT IS THE KRYPTONIAN DOING TO MY TRACTOR-BEAM??



DO MY SENSORS DECEIVE ME--OR IS HE ACTUALLY STRETCHING THE MOLECULAR LIMITS OF MY ENERGY-BEAM BEYOND ITS ENDURANCE POINT?



INCREDIBLE! SUPERMAN HAS MANAGED TO TEAR HIMSELF FREE!

MY ELECTRODES ARE CRACKLING TO LEARN WHAT THIS SAVAGE KRYPTON-ATTACK SPURS HIM TO ATTEMPT NEXT!

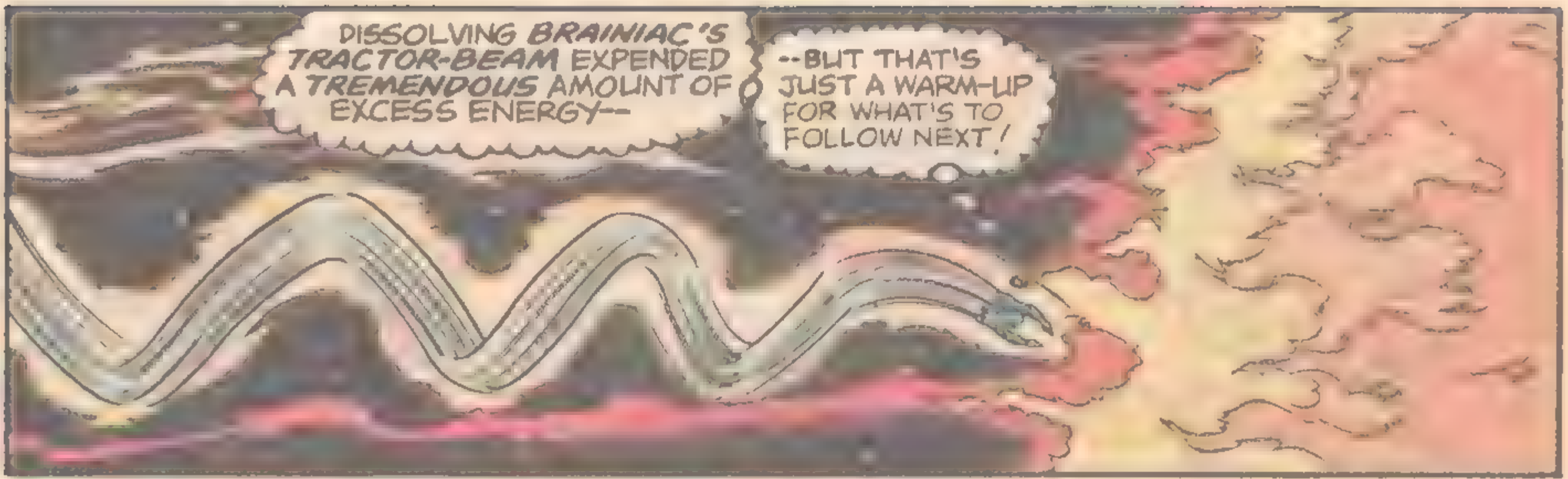


CURIOUS...HE SEEMS TO BE IGNORING ME FOR THE MOMENT--



--TO TURN HIS RAGING FURY TOWARD THE SUPER-NOVA!





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--BUT THAT'S JUST A WARM-UP FOR WHAT'S TO FOLLOW NEXT!



THE **MORE** SUPER-ENERGY I EXPEND--

--THE **MORE** ENERGY I FEEL SEETHING THROUGH EVERY FIBER OF MY BODY!

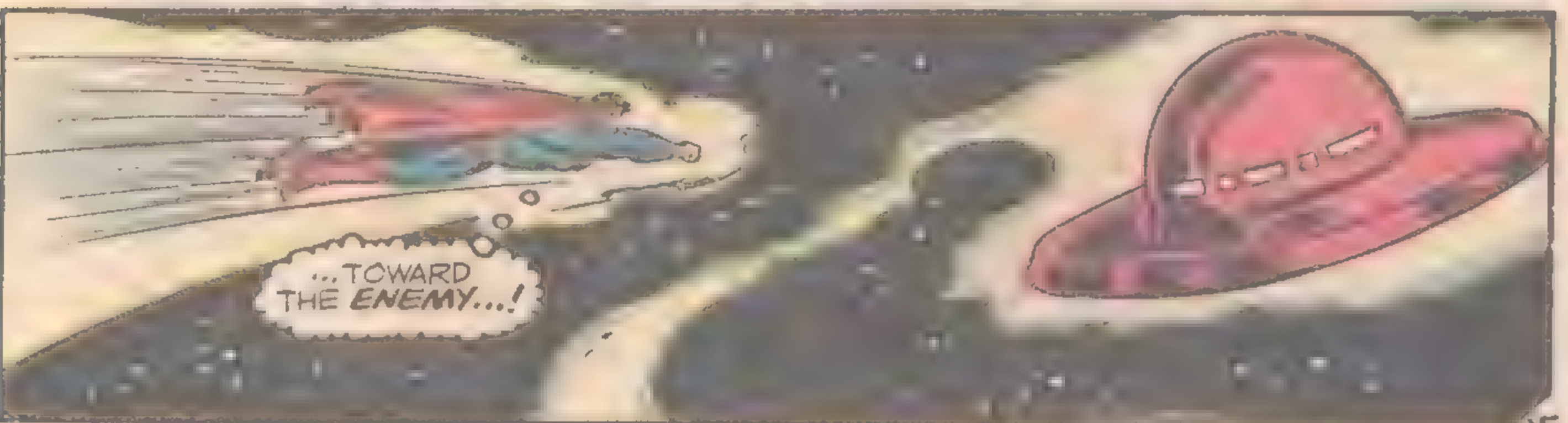


ONLY MY OVERWHELMING **DRIVE** TO GET AT **BRAINIAC** ENABLES ME TO **DIRECT** THIS WILD RAMPAGE **WHERE** I WANT IT--



--BUT NOW THE ENERGY LEVEL HAS BECOME SO **INTENSE** I WON'T HAVE ANY **CONTROL** OVER MYSELF--

ALL I CAN DO... IS POINT MYSELF...



...TOWARD THE **ENEMY**...!



SUPERMAN IS COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL NOW!

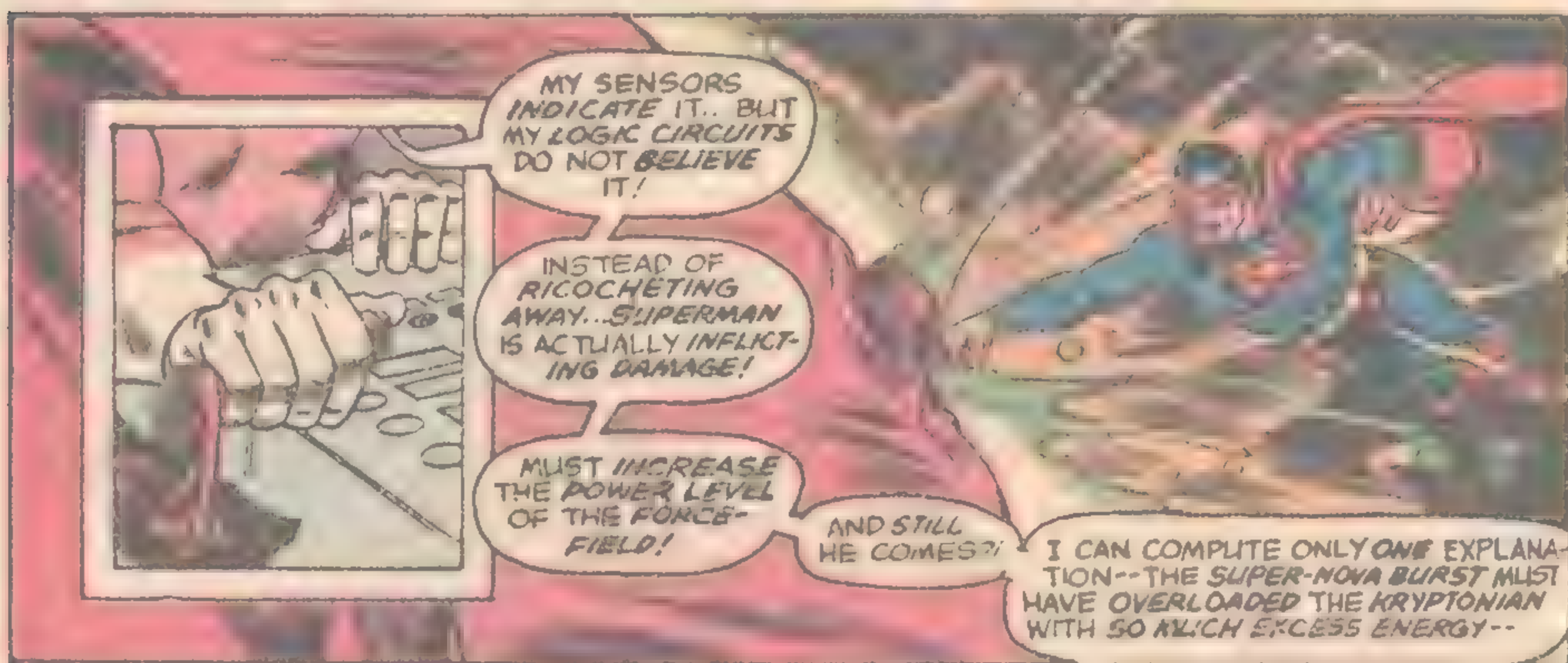
THE BRILLIANT LIGHT FROM THAT SUPER-NOVA HAS TRIGGERED ANOTHER ATTACK--AND HE'S TURNED IT TOWARD MY SHIP!



EVEN OVERCOME WITH UNCONTROLLABLE POWER, SUPERMAN STILL PERSISTS WITH FUTILE ATTEMPTS TO--

NEGATIVE...
NEGATIVE!

THIS IS UNPRECEDENTED!



MY SENSORS INDICATE IT.. BUT MY LOGIC CIRCUITS DO NOT BELIEVE IT!

INSTEAD OF RICOCHETING AWAY...SUPERMAN IS ACTUALLY INFLECTING DAMAGE!

MUST INCREASE THE POWER LEVEL OF THE FORCE-FIELD!

AND STILL HE COMES?!

I CAN COMPUTE ONLY ONE EXPLANATION--THE SUPER-NOVA BURST MUST HAVE OVERLOADED THE KRYPTONIAN WITH SO MUCH EXCESS ENERGY--



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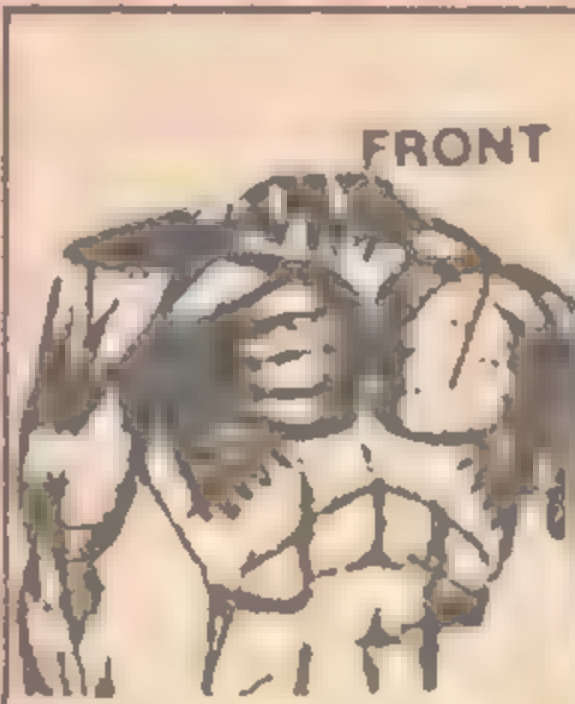
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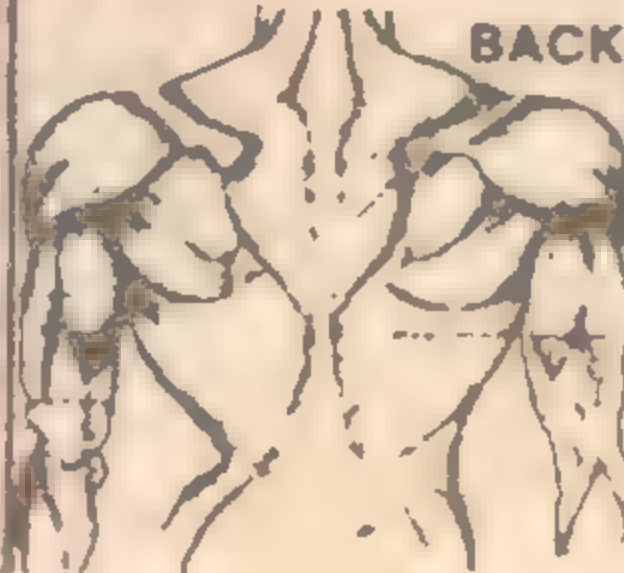
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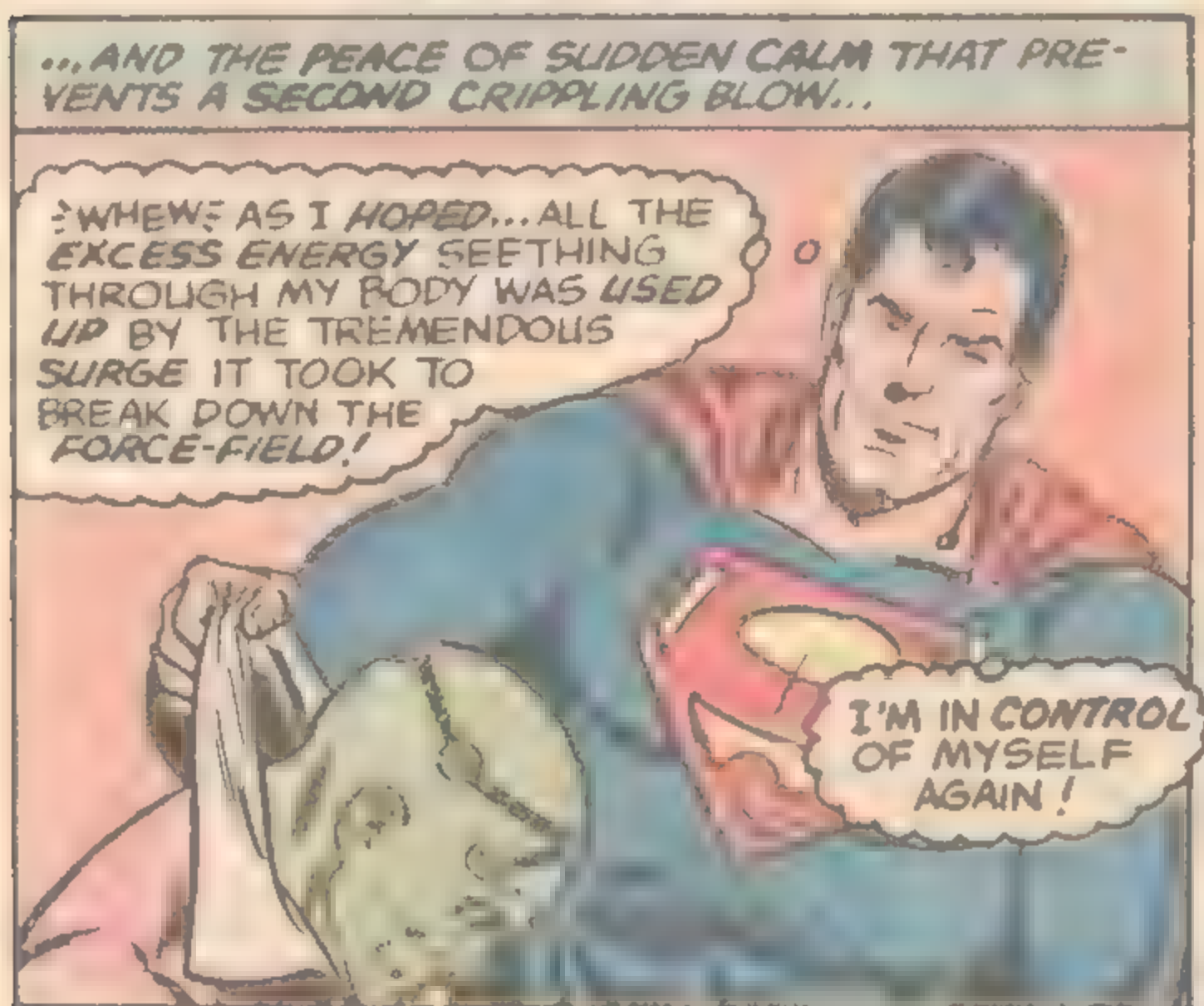
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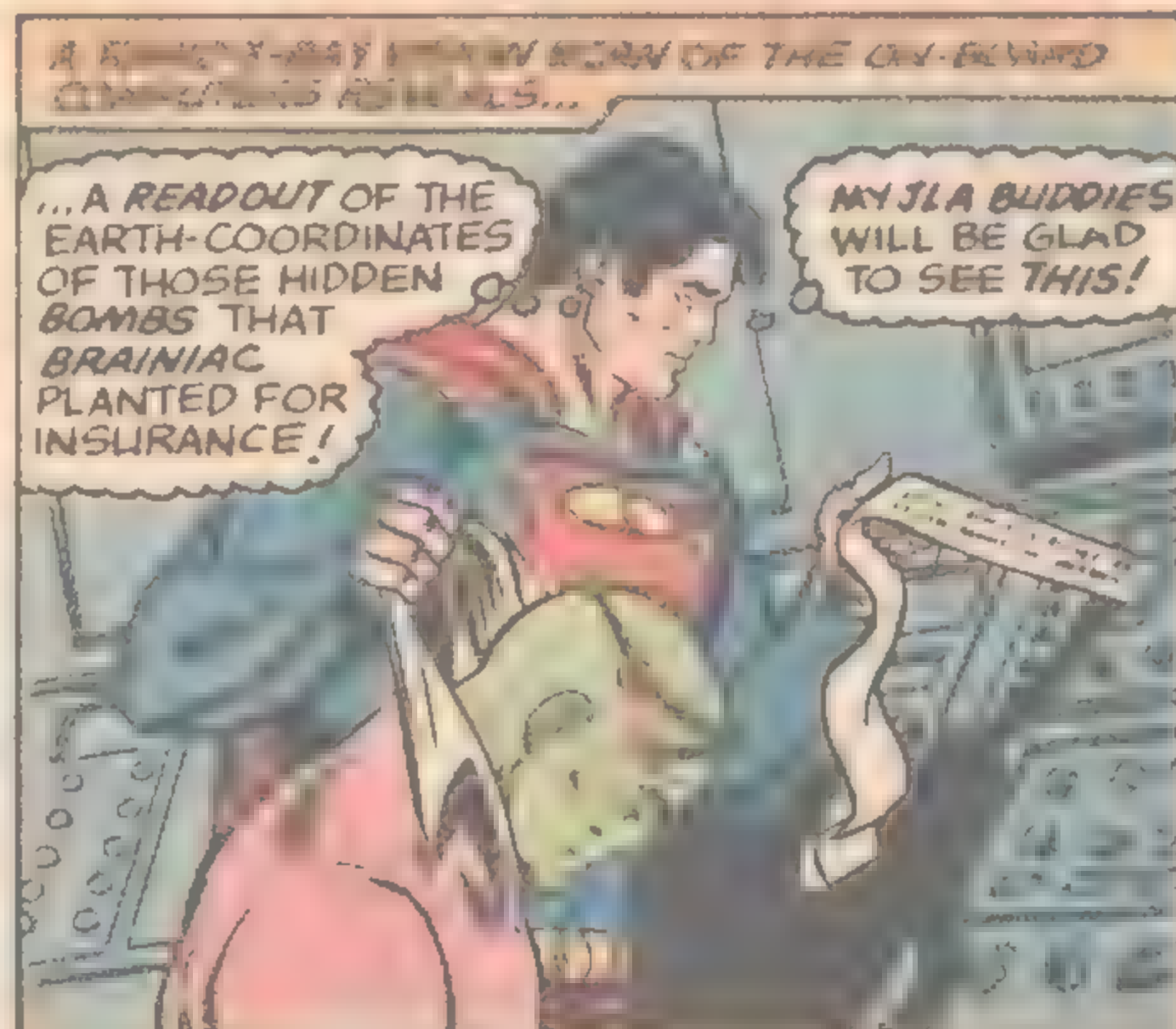
INDEED, IT IS WILD, UNCHECKED FURY THAT STRIKES THE FIRST DEVASTATING BLOW AGAINST THE RUTHLESS ANDROID...



...AND THE PEACE OF SUDDEN CALM THAT PREVENTS A SECOND CRIPPLING BLOW...

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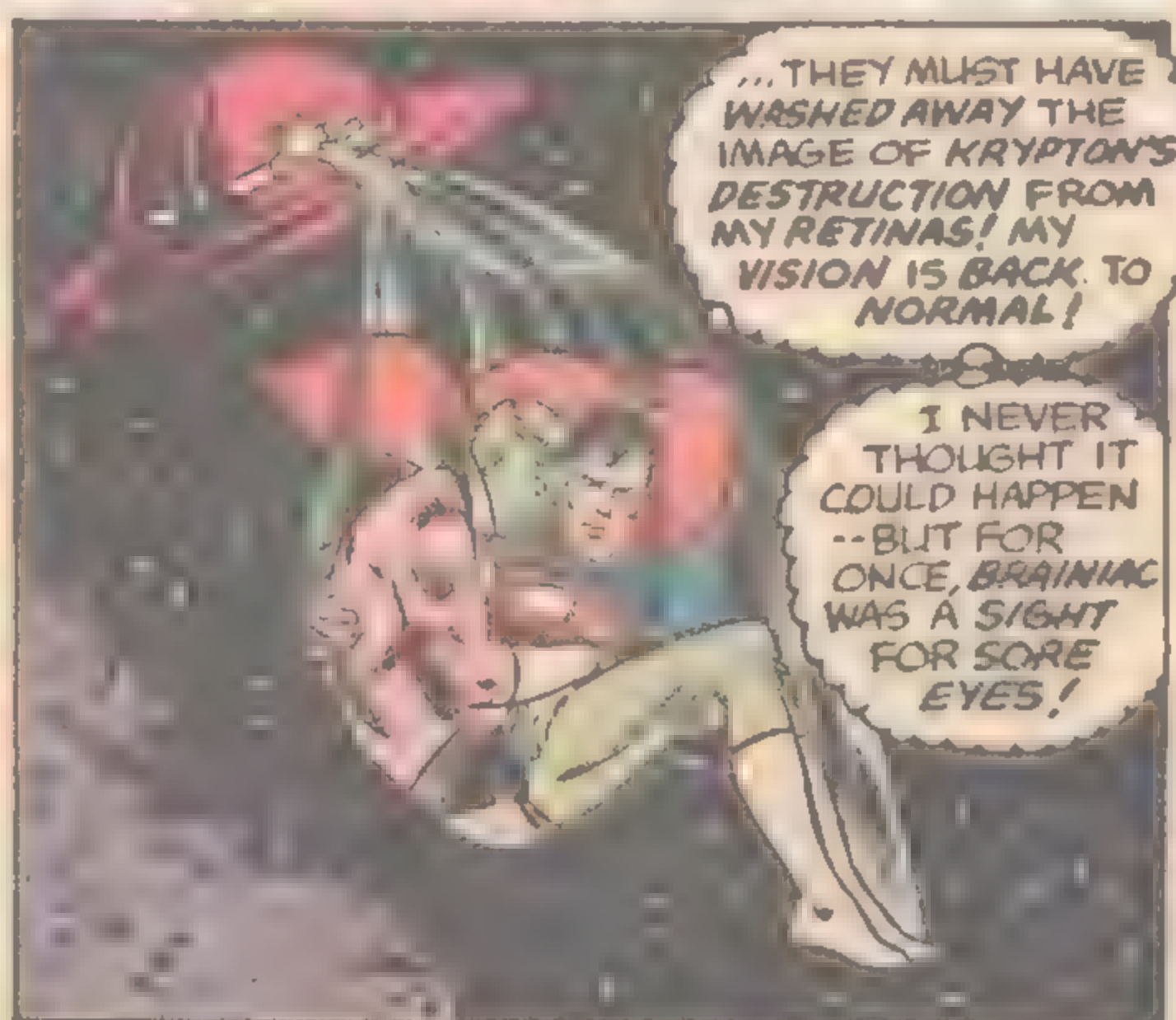
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Dear ENB:

ACTION #486 was like a breath of fresh air. After a rather dismal string of mediocre issues, "Superman's Time-Killing Trip" was a welcome surprise. Gerry Conway came up with a very imaginative tale. It stands to reason that Supes gets bored at times. Unlike you or me, he'd be bored by normal pastimes even more. What better way to relax than to go time-hopping?

Let's see more of these trips. Think of the plot possibilities! Writers could have a ball picking out different time settings and adventures. Perhaps Supes could develop a whole new set of supporting characters on one of these trips.

Gerry pulled no punches this time. Not only did he give us some suspense (how would Supes return home?), but he threw in some action and adventure not seen in these pages for some time. All this and a social comment to boot. Gerry take a bow for a tale well done.

Elizabeth Smith was not to be outdone, however. "Hero for a Day" showed us a side of Lex Luthor I've never seen. It's hard to think of Lex as being soft-hearted and compassionate, but this short tale convinced me to re-define this timeless foe. And the final touch, the Superman cape gift, was great. Lex may not like Superman, but still realizes the greatness he stands for. Or perhaps Lex subconsciously would like to achieve the fame of his enemy—so he gave the boy the cape. In any case, this tale was very pleasant and I'll be watching for more of Luthor's adventures in future issues.

The cover was, as always, great. No gimmicky hype or blurbs to entice the reader; not too many worthless word balloons. Just fantastic artwork and imaginative layouts. That's all the hype you need.

Before I close, there's something I'm dying to know. The mystery has lasted long enough. Just what does the "E" stand for in ENB?

Mike Bates
3414 Lexington
Pontiac, MI 48054

I've never made a mystery of it, and have mentioned it more than once in lettercols. It's Edward.—ENB

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Dear ENB:

You know, I like to read **ACTION**. Most of the time. An exception was #486.

What's with the art? Bring back Curt Swan! I didn't like the cartoony appearance of "Time-Killing Trip"; it looked more like Captain Marvel stuff than Superman material.

The time-on-my-hands-take-a-trip idea was good, but why did Conway have to go into the future for a story? **ACTION** is a now magazine; let's keep it that way. All that time-travel junk

makes me sick. I'd like to see the time-on-my-hands theme used again, but this time, visit a mysterious planet for a story.

Do you people realize what Conway did on page 10? He had Superman kill the crews of those hapling patrol ships! How can you permit this, Julie? And what do you have to say about this, Nelson?

Bring back Cary Bates!

Andrew C. Taylor
1100 S 6th
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Look at page 10 again. See any bodies in the spaceship wreckage? Of course not—because the ships were obviously unmanned drones, operated by computers!—ENB

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Gentlemen:

I must say the run-of-the-mill "How can this hurt Superman" cover was very discouraging. I expected an 11-page cliché. (It was still an excellent drawing, however.)

What I found was one of the best Superman science-fiction stories I have ever read. Superman's motive for his trip was perfect; he had time to kill. The one thing wrong with his (necessary) ultra-confidence: it can get him into trouble if he forgets to think when he acts.

The premise for the tale was also excellent: oppressed half-breeds recognize their superiority to their pure-bred oppressors, and doing so, take full advantage of the situation. Gerry noted here that when it comes to prejudice, even the most unbigoted will often draw the line at interracial breeding.

The ending, although coincidental (as is the case with most "hero trapped in another time/place" yarns), was for a change plausible. One thing, though: I found it hard to believe that one 20th-century portable computer could substitute for a starship's computer system.

The art was excellent as well. It is good to see George Tuska's art in **ACTION COMICS**; he is underrated and **ACTION'S** popularity will give his art a wider audience. Kudos also to Vince Colletta for a job well done.

The Luthor story was a nice extra to a good issue. I have for many years enjoyed tales that involve Luthor's relatives, for they often make for good human interest. Smith, Schaffenberg and McLaughlin kept the tradition going. McLaughlin eliminated the cartoony look Schaff usually comes off with. Try to get them together more often.

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Which leaves me only room to sign off.—E. Nelson Bridwell

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QUESTION NINE



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(New York)—*Bulletman* again takes to the skies, but why is he behaving so strangely? And where is *Captain Marvel*? It's a mystery that *Mary Marvel* and *Buletgirl* must solve or see the entire male population of New York enslaved by the sinister spells of "Dreamdancer." E. Nelson Bridwell scripts, Don Newton pencils, and Kurt Schaffenberger inks the latest adventure of the *Shazam Family* in *WORLD'S FINEST* #255. Bonus: This story also features the origins of *Bulletman* and *Buletgirl*!

Meanwhile, *Superman* discovers there was once ANOTHER *Batman* operating in another part of the country before Bruce Wayne! The secret behind this puzzler is revealed in "Thou Shalt Have No Other *Batman* Before Me" by Bob Haney, Jose Garcia Lopez and Dan Adkins.

Then *Green Arrow* runs for mayor of Star City and wins . . . and loses! Don't miss this double-length adventure guest starring *Black Canary* by Elliot Maggin, Trevor Von Eeden and Vince Colletta!

And finally, *The Creeper* finds himself in trouble with women on two fronts! Read "Furious Fran and The Dagger Lady" written and drawn by the incomparable Steve Ditkol!

Don't miss these four fabulous features in *WORLD'S FINEST COMICS* #255 when it goes on sale the week of November 6th!

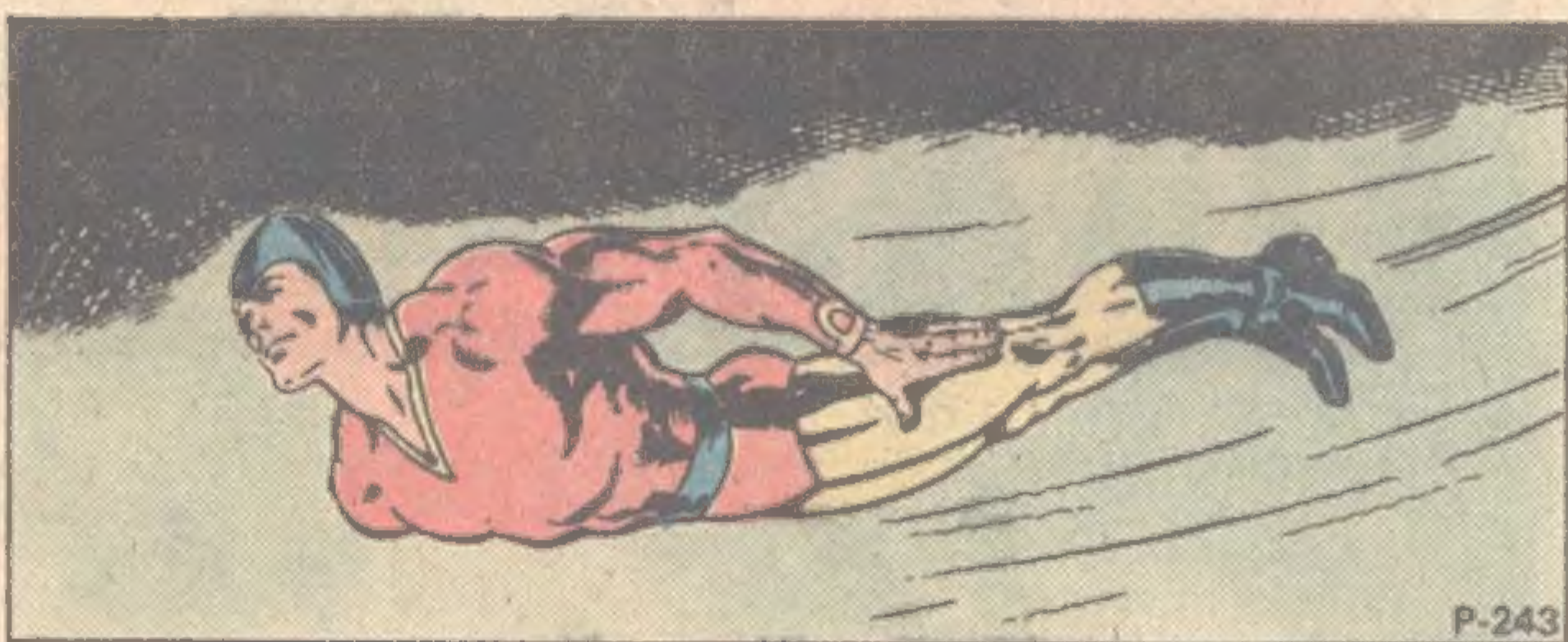
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ALSO IN THIS ISSUE: Two incredible O.S.S. stories featuring wartime spy adventures, "A Time To Die" by Evan Douglas and Nardo Cruz and "The Killer Stars" by Douglas and E.R. Cruz; Women At War, featuring war photographer Kim Forrest in "Flash In The Pan" by Jan Laurie and Jerry Grandenetti; and *Gunner and Sarge of The Losers* in "Tin Marines" by Kanigher and E.R. Cruz.

Plus two more *Haunted Tank* stories by Kanigher and Glanzman, "A Tank For A Pharaoh" and "Holiday in Hell."

It's cover-to-cover battle action all the way in *G.I. COMBAT* #212, on sale the week of November 6th. Don't miss it!



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DETECTIVE COMICS #482—*Batman* lives through the "Night of the Body-Snatcher" in a Jim Starlin/Craig Russell collaboration; *Batgirl* is witness to "A Quick Death in China" by Bob Rozakis, Don Heck and Frank Chiaramonte; Len Wein, Mike Golden and Dick Giordano send *The Demon* in search of "The Eternity Book"; *Robin* battles "The League of Crime" by Rozakis, Juan Ortiz and Dave Hunt; and, by popular demand, Rozakis, Golden and Bob Smith collaborate on "Bat-Mite's New York Adventure"—a story you must not miss! **GHOSTS** #73—Ernie Gnanio illustrates "Phantom of the Catacombs"; Tony Henson provides "Spectre of the Haunted Highway"; John Calnan asks "Who Guards This Grave?"; and Ken Landgraf and Jack Abel present "The Ghost's Last Ride"

JUSTICE LEAGUE #183—What is the mystery involving *Zatanna's* mother? Who is the mad musician whose powers can defeat even *Superman*? Find out in "Concert of the Damned" by Gerry Conway, Dick Dillin and Frank McLaughlin.

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ASK THE ANSWER MAN

Q: In what magazine did *Man-Bat* first appear?—Pasquale Neglia. A: **DETECTIVE COMICS** #400!

Q: How come *Superman* is always appearing in your *DC COLLECTOR'S EDITIONS*?—Wynn Johnson. A: Because he's our most popular character!

Q: In an issue of *JLA*, *Green Arrow* said *Speedy* had had some drug problems. Where did this occur?—Ronald L. Affolter. A: In the now-classic **GREEN LANTERN/GREEN ARROW** #'s 85 and 86.

Q: How much is **SUPERBOY** #192 worth?—William A. Appel. A: In good condition, 25¢.

Q: Why don't you put the **TEEN TITANS** back in action?—Robbie Hickman. A: Paul Levitz has them scheduled for **BRAVE & BOLD** #149.

Q: Have the two *Robins* met?—Nathan M. Loffman. A: They first met in **JUSTICE LEAGUE** #55.

Q: Will *Omac* be returning to action?—Wayne Painter. A: Not in the near future.

Q: How are you paid for answering our questions?—Greg Fickas. A: I get all the comics I can eat!

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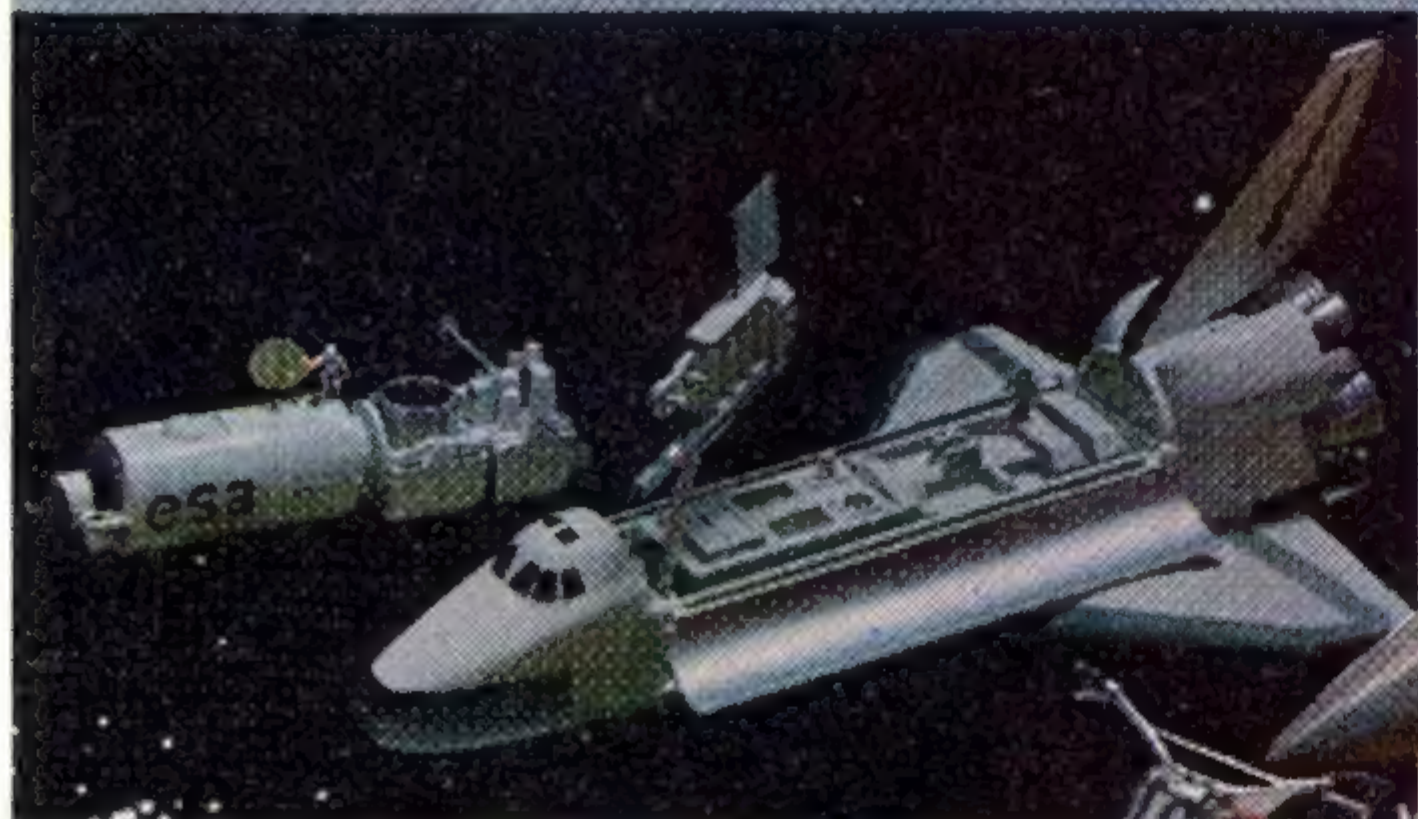
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